

**AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
80 NORTH BROADWAY
AURORA, IL 60505**

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

- I.** Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. He then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Annie Craig to appoint Frank Paull Clerk protem. Motion carried. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Supervisor James Murphy, Annie Craig, Christina Campos, John Shoemaker, and Monica Silva. **Also present:** Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. **Staff Present:** Frank Paull, and Hector Benavides. **Also present:** Sgt. John Grimes and representatives from Hercules Park Neighbors and Indian Ave. Neighbors. (See attached list) **Absent:** Clerk Juan Thomas.

Clerk Thomas arrived at 4:05pm.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 14, 2008.**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes February 14, 2008. After a discussion, this motion was tabled until the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

**III. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT
BILLS**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$27,312.41**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Campos to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$47,517.83**. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to audit General Assistance bills of **\$4,380.77**. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Craig to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$5,926.27; SOCIAL SECURITY \$4,359.35; R & B SOCIAL SECURITY \$1,286.45; R & B IMRF \$1,950.94.** Motion carried by voice vote.
5. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Craig to audit Equipment and Building bill of **\$6,500.00.** Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offut submitted a written report.
2. Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess reported on equipment problems with the brakes on the trucks, the garage door recently broke, and the water pump needed replacement; some local neighborhood blocks flooded due to water melting and shoveling snow; graffiti continues to be a problem in Mokerville; lots of potholes need to be repaired.
3. Sgt. John Grimes from the Kane County Sheriff's Department informed the Board of the crime statistics for the month of January. There were 128 warnings issued, 190 tickets; 170 calls for service; 15 accidents; and 19 reports of graffiti.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Shoemaker reiterated his request for the Township to support the SWAT dinner in April.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chief Robert Waterman from the Aurora Township Fire District gave a detailed report on the fire district.
2. Janet Swanson from the Hercules Park neighbors addressed the Board about lighting concerns on her street. Commissioner Burgess answered her questions and informed her that the cost for replacing a light will be \$6.50 per month. He will follow up with her to address her concerns.
3. Representatives from Indian Ave. addressed the Board regarding street lighting and storm water drainage in their neighborhood. They showed pictures to the Board that illustrated the drainage issue. Code Enforcement Officer Hector Benavides responded to their concerns and agreed to work with the neighbors to

alleviate their concerns. The Board agreed to place this issue on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Campos announced that the Kiwanis Breakfast will be on Saturday, March 15, 2008, and that the Estrella Awards Dinner is also on Saturday March 15th.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Solms addressed the Board regarding her FOIA request she submitted to the Township Highway Department. She was informed that Township Clerk Juan Thomas is the authorized official responsible for responding to FOIA request and that she should direct all FOIA request to his attention.

There was a motion made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Silva to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:50pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:01pm.

IX. ADJOURMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker. The motion was carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Township Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk

