

**AURORA TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY**  
**AURORA, ILLINOIS**  
**Date February 28, 2013**  
**Time: 4:00 p.m.**  
**AMENDED MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGENCE**  
**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

A meeting of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, and Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute.

Aurora Township Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order. Supervisor Campos led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aurora Township Clerk Herbert Hill called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and Mark Semmler also Commissioner John Shoemaker and Staff present: Vickie Marques.

**Public Present:** Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF**  
**January 24, 2013.**

A motion to table the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **February 14, 2013** was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

Christina Campos moved to advance discussion of "Ride-in-Kane" financial report. Motion seconded by David Moore, and carried. (Voice vote)

**Ride-in-Kane financial report**

Christina Campos reported that the purpose of the "Ride-in-Kane" program is not to bring in income but to provide resources to the community.

Comptroller is present to explain income and expenditures.

Bill Catching inquired if this was the entirety of the financial report from the Supervisor. Ms. Campos responded, yes.

Bill Catching questioned re: line item # 59811 regarding "Ride-in-Kane" financial position as of January 26, 2013. The budget reflects that \$422,000 plus was spent out of a budget of \$2,000. Comptroller explained the disparity, followed by discussion by Bill Catching.

There are only three (3) line items in the "Ride-in-Kane account. Mr. Catching questioned the cash handling policy.

Comptroller explained that she had conversation with Norma Deleon on the issue. Mr. Catching explained that a "new policy" was in place and asked for an explanation.

Comptroller explained how funds are dispensed.

Mr. Moore questioned whether we were in the black in the "end balance", and offered that we must be extremely conservative in expenditures. Adding that the new fiscal year begins the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2013, and asked if we would go in with a plus balance.

Comptroller stated that the issue was unknown as of yet, and was dependent upon payments coming in and variances. The current trend was reflected on the report to the board.

Mr. Moore asked if there was something we could do alleviate the variance the Mr. Catching was referring to? Explaining the last four (4) years of disparity as shown by Sikich.

Comptroller explained the reporting by Sikich and issues presented by the tax levy.

Mr. Catching asked for an explanation on the disparity between the line items and fund balances.

Delores Hicks asked if petty cash comes from "Ride-in-Kane.

Mark Semmler asked how long is the period from receipt of moneys counted to deposit. Norma Deleon explained the process, stating that three (3) people are accountable for the money. If money is received on Friday, it is deposited on Monday.

David Moore questioned who manages the budget for "Ride-in-Kane". Explanation was given by Norma Deleon. Between Deleon / Supervisor / and Comptroller the money is budgeted and accounted for.

#### AURORA TOWNSHIP AGGREGATION BID REVIEW

Progressive Energy Group is much lower than any other bid.

Mr. Arnie Schramel of Progressive Energy Group explains the review. See report attached. Progressive Energy has done more business than anyone in the area. Mr. Schramel explained the process.

Bill Catching observed that the City of Aurora is 100% green, explaining that the process is the same as the Aurora Township.

Christina Campos moved to accept the contract with the approval of the board. Mr. Schramel needs 24 hours to review.

John Shoemaker stated that the motion should give the Supervisor authority to approve the contract upon review.

Motion seconded by David Moore, Mr. Semmler abstains. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

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

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$51,039.47 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$104,501.88 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$11,634.07 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$11,004.38 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,890.39 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the EQUIPMENT FUND Bills** in the amount of \$3,097.76 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

### IV. REPORTS

**1. Assessor's Report**

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report consisting one (1) page. Please see attachment.  
Mr. Offutt also made explanation for the report.

**2. Highway Commissioner's Report**

John Shoemaker reported that his department was getting a head start on a lot of snow and was containing it.

Mr. Shoemaker also reported thanks to Clerk Hill on the bid process last Friday for renovation on the 40-year-old building.

Mr. Shoemaker also stated that Malcor Roofing of Montgomery was approved thanks to Kevin Ream.

**3. Supervisor's Report**

Christina Campos Provided printouts on the January 2013 Relief General Assistance as well as "Ride-in-Kane" ridership report.

Ms. Campos also reported on the Comcast Day report and Comcast Cares, see print out.

Ms. Campos also reported that she received a call from Huston Brown who gave a \$500 donation for Membership.

**4. CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S Report**

Mr. Hector Benavides provided a written report see attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Handyman Service status Report**

Report explained by Christina Campos. Services called in as needed and completed. Ms. Campos explained how services procedures are resolved.

David Moore wanted to know the protocol for call in for work and how it is dispersed to workers. Explanation was given by Christina Campos.

Delores Hicks asked when senior services calls for Handyman services, what is the intake procedure. Why does Renee Williams direct the calls?

Should there be someone else directing the calls besides the receptionist. Explanation was given by Christina Campos.

How is the process budgeted and what are the costs involved?

Christina Campos stated that organizations with budgets already in place should pay their own bills.

Catching explained that we should not pay for other agencies use of "My Fathers Hands" doing work and the Township paying their costs.

Perhaps a committee should be commissioned to explain the process.

Every one agrees that the service is needed and a committee should investigate.

David Moore asked why did we discontinue his service. My Fathers Hands has done the work for the Township in the past year? Ms. Campos, I don't know.

Delores Hicks expressed a concern for seniors since this service is necessary, and this issue should be resolved immediately.

Bill Catching observed that there are two (2) issues here: billing and ex offenders working in senior's homes. Mr. Catching offered that he believes in second chances, however, ex offenders in senior's homes is another issue.

Delores Hicks stated that this issue needs to be discussed.

Mr. Moore stated that the allegations against "My Fathers Hands" need to be examined. Who is making these comments and why?

Also why isn't the board notified when issues affecting seniors and there needs are presented? Hearings should be held.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Clarence Robinson spoke on the issue of "the Handyman", explaining the process:

Renee takes the call.  
The director of field services investigates and checks costs.  
Someone signs off on the work.  
Handymen are out there.

Peggy Hicks raised a hypothetical question: "I go to Main Baptist, and seeks services. Should those agencies pay for service or should the Township?"

Ms. Hicks also spoke to the issues raised by "My Fathers Hands".

Ms. Hicks also spoke to the issue of the ex offender question; relating that its not necessarily an ex offender responding, but the first priority is to supply the need for seniors. There should be a cooperative collaboration and a working together of services to supply the need.

John Shoemaker stated that if the Township is going to send out someone with a criminal past, the board should check people going to provide the service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos asked everyone to remember to vote on February 28, 2013.

Supervisor Campos also advised the 2/22/13 Annual Black History event at Prisco Center hosted by Alderman Richard Irvin, a joint event with African American Men of Unity.

7:30 am. 2/28/13 Heritage Award Breakfast. \$40.00 cost.

## ADJOURNMENT

None

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk