

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

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

I. Township Supervisor Annie Craig called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. She then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Christina Campos, Archie Needam, John Shoemaker, and Dr. Monica Silva. Also present: Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. **Staff Present:** Justine Bennett and Clarence Robinson. **Public present:** Gilbert Lopez, Bill Catching, Jennifer Laesch, Delores Hicks, Frank Craig, Gilberto Lopez, Mike Funkey, Merlinda Martinez, and Tid Castoruds.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSEES
MEETING ON FEBRUARY 26, 2009.**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Needham to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from February 26, 2009. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

1. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$57,260.84**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$18,342.88** Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Campos to audit General Assistance bills of **\$8,385.55**. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Needam to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$5726.70; SOCIAL SECCRURITY \$4,409.90; R & B SOCIAL SECURITY \$909.78; R & B IMRF \$1,357.66**. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offut submitted a written report.
2. Highway Commissioner Burgess reported that pothole patching continues in the Township; he also led a lengthy discussion regarding the flooding issues around the Township and local constituents (Gilberto Lopez and Tid Costoruds) voiced their concerns about the flood issues in their particular neighborhood near Long Island Sound on the far east side of Aurora; a new water system s needed at Ogden Gardens; Aurora Township nor Kane County was mentioned to receive funding for local projects in a recent letter from IDOT as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Commissioner Burgess has contacted IDOT and is awaiting a response regarding funding for Aurora Township.
3. Clarence Robinson reported that the bid open for the Summer Free Lunch program will be on March 31st at 3:00pm.
4. The Youth Department Director, Justine Bennett, submitted a written report and was present for any questions regarding the same.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Township Attorney Mike Funkey presented his unpaid invoice to the Board of Trustees. Supervisor Craig and Clerk Thomas explained to Atty. Funkey why his invoice was not paid by the Township. It was explained to him that his invoice contained timed billed to the Township that was not authorized by the Township and that he would not be paid for services rendered that were not authorized by the Township. Atty. Funkey was advised to review the Rules of Professional for Attorneys dealing with the Scope of Representation namely Rule 1.2 (a). (See attached)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Needam to have the Township Annual Meeting at the Aurora Township Youth Center on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 6:00pm. Motion carried by voice vote. Clerk Thomas advised the Board that he has asked Bill Catching to be the Moderator for the Annual Meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Silva thanked Fred Burgess for meeting with local constituents regarding flooding in their respective neighborhoods.

IX. ADJOURMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 4:00pm in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk