

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: March 8, 2012

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, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2012. 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 present was Aurora Township Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker and Township Assessor Davis Offutt. Staff present: Justine Kopytov, and Vickie Marques.

Public Present: Please see attached.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2012.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **February 23, 2012** was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. 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 \$121,040.73 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$7, 573.89 was made by David Moore with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$4,451.03 was made by Delores Hicks 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 \$9, 644.13 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,382.14 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see attachment. Additionally, Mr. Offutt reported that June 15, 2012 was the deadline date for contesting issues.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

Mr. Shoemaker reported that a pre-construction meeting for the Austin Ave bridge work was held and the Construction Co. wants to begin work on May 2, 2012. However the Highway Dept. wants to start in April, and is pushing to move forward.

Mr. Shoemaker also reported that the Department is continuing to do tree work and is happy with the progress so far.

Mr. Shoemaker reported that the estimates for the work is high, but the department is working to accommodate the projects within the budget.

3. Youth Services Director's Report

Justine Kopytov submitted a written report. See extensive written report attached. Additionally, Mrs. Kopytov reported that the Center is preparing for the Spring Break.

Mr. Moore inquired about the beginning of the clean up, recognizing that flooring and roof tiling needs work.

Mrs. Kopytov related that she is working with Hector (Benavides) to accommodate the clean up, which will be done soon.

Mr. Moore also raised questions regarding the scheduling issues relating to the use of the gym for basketball and soccer.

Mrs. Kopytov advised that only two (2) Saturdays were involved in these issues, and that the problem will be resolved in the next two weeks.

Mr. Moore returned to the flooring issue relating that "scuffing" perhaps may be due to soccer usage

An explanation of this usage was given by both Vickie (Marques) and Justine (Kopytov) with impute by Mr. Shoemaker.

Mr. Semmler suggested that "clean up" twice yearly may resolve the scuffing issue, and provide better maintenance.

4. Committee Reports: Inc Board

Trustee David Moore stated that there was nothing new to report as a member of the Inc Board (708 Mental Health Board).

A Youth Board meeting was scheduled for next thursday (March 15, 2012)

5. Committee Report: Youth Services

Trustee Mark Semmler concurred with the report of Justine Bennett.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

See attached letter from Norma DeLeon relating to the bus (#5490) body damage and related invoice.

Mr. Moore wanted clarification on the reference to "Jerry" in the attached letter, as relating to Jerry Jordan, and also questioned whether a written "incident" report is in existence. Supervisor Campos was not aware of one and would defer to Norma for it.

Mr. Moore also questioned whether TORMA was the insurance carrier for this damage.

Mr. Catching as well as Ms. Hicks questioned the discrepancy between why the invoices of last month and this month were different.

Christina Campos moved to table the discussion on the DeLeon letter of 2/29/12

Mr. Catching pointed out last months invoice of \$2,572.80 and the current invoice of \$5,766.20. Why the difference?

Mr. Moore also questioned the discrepancy.

Mr. Semmler questioned how has "Jerry" been dealt with regarding this accident considering the cost involved?

Mr. Semmler also questioned why are we (the Township) paying for this expense and not TORMA since the bill was over \$5,000. Maybe Norma should bring the entire file on this accident and damage.

Supervisor Campos will have all of the information at the next meeting March 22, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Special Approval of Expenditure to Teberugge Engineering pending reimbursement from federal funding source. Motion by Christina Campos, seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice vote)
Bill Catching requested a "short Memo" from Mr. Shoemaker on the federal funding.
- (b) Special Approval of Expenditure to Central States Bus Sales, Inc., (\$61,305.00)
Motion by Bill Catching, seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice vote)
- (c) Appointment of Renee Williams to Aurora Township Community Mental Health 708 Board. Motion by Christina Campos, seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote)
- (d) Approval of Lease renewal. Motion to table by Bill Catching, seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made to place on next meeting's agenda the issue of the transfer of a H W department vehicle to the Township. Motion by Delores Hicks seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

Stacy Blaszek expressed a continued thank you for the board's conscienceousness, and again raised the issue of her "nuisance neighbors" with their continuing parties with associated garbage problems.

Viridina Diaz, expressed that she is a "single mom" and is a junior at East Aurora H.S. going to Germany in the next school year as an exchange student. She is seeking a sponsorship from the Township or any other funding help.

Supervisor Campos advised that Ms. Diaz put her request for sponsorship in writing to the Township board for consideration.

Trustee Hicks suggested that Ms. Diaz also seek assistance from Rotary, Kiwanis and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

East Aurora High School Culinary Arts Healthy Cooking Demo, March 15, 2012 at 5:30 pm at the Aurora Township Youth and Community Center.

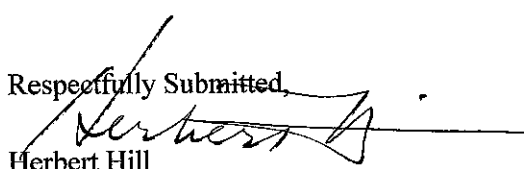
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 7 am to 12:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 4:55p.m.

VII. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, March 22, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk