

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Aurora Township Youth and Community Center
313 Gale Street
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date April 16, 2013
Time: 4:00 p.m.
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 Youth and Community Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, and Illinois at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 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 March 28, 2013.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday March **28 2013** was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. 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 \$21,094.39 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 \$15,621.82 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Mark Semmler. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$4,200.24 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$10,808.20 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,761.30 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the Equipment and Building Fund** in the amount of \$2,500.00 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report consisting of 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 starting brush pic-up this week. Rain the preceding week delayed the pick-up by one (1) day.

Mr. Shoemaker also reported that "everything else is good and in order"

3. Youth Services Director's Report

See attached written report by Ms. Vickie Marques consisting of one (1) page, entitled "March Board Report" (2013) with presentation and explanation on each item of interest.

Ms. Marques also introduced Mr. Doug Lambert who presented an oral report explaining the programs in operation, and also explained his mission statement in working with kids and explained that Ms. Marques was also helpful in providing assistance.

Ms. Marques also explained that there are 19 confirmed cites for the Summer program. Ms. Marques also stated that hiring for the summer programs was under way.

AS far as the Summer Camp, the Department was looking for alternate cites. There are both returning and new applicants for the camp.

On the roofing issue Ms. Marques explained the status of the work being done, and was hopeful of the start of the project soon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Mark Simmer explained the progress on the "Roofing Issue". That it was nearing completion to insert the roof. Also gave explanation on the materials update.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution 2013-03 Establishing Aurora Township Facility Rental Policy and Procedure

Christina Campos explained the Resolution and called for motion to approve Resolution 2013-03.

D. Moore, relating to par. 2 stated that he reads the par. As calling for a fee to be paid for usage of the Center.

Mr. Moore stated that he opposes any fee for the usage of the Center because the taxes have already been levied.

Mr. Moore also questioned par. 4 and that statement that "the current Facility Rental Policy and Procedure was last revised and approved on December 28, 2007". Mr. Moore stated that he has not seen the "last Resolution", and does not know what is contained in "the last Resolution".

Mr. Moore also questioned par 6, stating that if existing policy was in place, why was it not enforced by the existing board?

Mr. Moore objects to par's #2,4,5 and 6, basically stating that the entire Resolution was objectionable.

Mr. Moore stated that he asked for a certification of all usages of the Center, and has not been given any statement.

Mr. Moore stated that he basically opposes the Resolution at this time, will not vote in favor of it, and wants a committee in place to see what the document points out.

Christina Campos stated that it (the Rental Policy) has been over five (5) months in discussion and has been delayed by many requests by the board.

Delores Hicks stated that the board has had discussions regarding the committee, and added that information was given to the board and nothing was done.

Ms. Hicks also stated that the statement that a Resolution was approved in 2007 was not true.

Ms. Hicks also asked, "why did you (directed to Supervisor Campos) come up with a Resolution if no prior discussion was had on the issue?"

Mr. Catching asked for a second on the issue of the approval of the Resolution, stating that the issue was still out.

Mr. Moore moved to stand on the discussion for not supporting the Resloution, stating that the Resolution needs a written guide-line for usage of the facility, including; dates, times, and purpose of the usage.

Mr. Moore moved to table the issue, expressing concern with the procedure in place for the usage of the Center until we (the board) can have all the questions answered before voting on the Resolution. Motion was seconded by Catching, Motion carried (Voice vote). Christina Campos opposed.

Christina Campos again raised the issue of the five (5) month delay on the committee discussions and noting that nothing was done.

Mr. Moore responded.

B. Establish Youth Director Selection Committee

Christina Campos commended Vickie Marques for the job she has done as interim Youth Director.

Search Committee was established consisting of: Bill Catching, Barb Jacklow, and Juan Reyna.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Rickie Rodgers (AAMU) explained the purpose of his organization, and addressed the board on the issue of the "Police involvement" concerning two (2) of the Aurora youths following activities at the Youth Center.

Mr. Rodgers explained that he was treated disrespectfully by the Aurora Police when his only interest was to explain that the youths involved were innocent. Mr. Rodgers' effort was to simply diffuse the situation. Apparently, the subject youths had found a gun on the roadway which was not associated with them or carried by them. Mr. Rodgers wanted to clarify the situation for the police. A subsequent appointment was made with the police and the situation was clarified.

Mr. Moore asked if a police report was made and wanted to see it.

Mr. Rodgers did not want to see any punitive action taken against the kids without cause.

Mr. Catching offered further explanation on the issue.

Delores Hicks offered one clarification on the issue of the Search Committee suggesting that a least one (1) African American should be on that committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

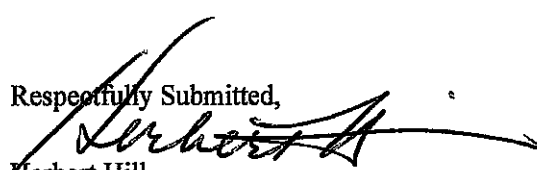
Comcast Cares Day, April 27, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Next meeting Thursday April 25, 2013 at 4:pm., at the Aurora Township Office.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk