

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

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 8, 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. Clerk Thomas then called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members were present: Annie Craig, Christina Campos, John Shoemaker, and Monica Silva. **Also present:** Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. **Staff Present:** Frank Paull and Ismael Espiricueta. **Public present:** Tom and Carla Tetter.

II. The Youth Department submitted a written report and Ismael Espiricueta and answered questions regarding this report.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSEES MEETING ON APRIL 24, 2008.

1. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes April 24, 2008 as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

IV. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS

1. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Craig to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$58,889.87**. 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 **\$18,853.79**. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to audit General Assistance bills of **\$5,305.19** 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: \$5,736.18; SOCIAL SECURITY \$4,351.74; R & B SOCIAL**

SECURITY \$718.62; R & B IMRF \$1,090.67. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit **LIABILITY INSURANCE** bills of **\$40,086.00**. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve **CDAP** bill of \$150.00. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offut submitted a written report. He is currently responding to numerous tax assessment complaints.
2. Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess read the following letter updating the Board on the signage on Mitchell & Mettel Road.:

Sign analysis for Mitchell Road at Mettel

The sign installation was brought to the board's attention at the April meeting and I reviewed it.

Signage was provided thru the East Aurora Weed and Seed Program.

Signage was installed July 10 2006 by the Highway Department - Aurora Township when we cleaned the area of all trees that were blocking the vision of East bound vehicles on Mettel Road. We repaired the Guard rails and brought them up to current standards.

The Stop sign at Mitchell Road and Mettel was also updated for reflectivity and we had it reviewed by the Sheriff's Office for site clearances, no comments were made of any obstruction.

The concerns brought up at the April Board's meeting appear to be more political than factual and I have concluded the signage will remain. The Stop sign at Mitchell Road and Mettel Road requires the Motoring Public to STOP and then proceed with caution, not, to slide thru the intersection.

(This letter is also attached and included as part of the minutes.); Commioner Burgess also updated the Board regarding pothole repair still being made; lights on Farnsworth and 5th Ave are complete; drainage issues are still being repaired.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Murphy presented revised employment policy manual for township personnel. The Board discussed several personnel issues including personal use of Township property, reporting of vacation time, and disciplinary issues.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Supervisor Murphy discussed Aurora Township Resolution # 2008-02 the Re-appointment of members of the Aurora Township Youth Commission: Debbie Smith (one year term) Carlos Johnson (no longer on the commission). Township is waiting for the Quad County Urban League to recommend a replacement for Carlos Johnson.
2. Supervisor Murphy led the Board in a discussion regarding the petition to vacate portion of road platted end of South Calumet Street. The Highway Department will not incur legal expense for this hearing.
3. Supervisor Murphy presented the HRMS consultant contract. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva to authorize the Township the authority to terminate the HRMS consultant contract. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. The Board set Thursday, May 15, 2008 at 4:30pm for the Budget Workshop. The Board will meet at Aurora Township Office.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Murphy requested that the 708 Board letter be included in the minutes regarding the Township levy and their funding allocation. Jerry Murphy is aware that the Township is responding to this issue.

Trustee Campos attended the General Assistance Training on Friday, April 25, 2008 in Naperville.

Clerk Thomas mentioned that the unveiling of the Marie Wilkinson statute will be on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at the Paramount. Start time is 1:30pm.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board engaged in a discussion regarding garbage pickup in the Township. Tom and Carla Tetter discussed their concerns regarding this issue.

Carla Tetter asked about a road crossing problem near Jericho Road. It is causing potential traffic accidents. Commissioner Burgess responded that that area is in the jurisdiction of City of Aurora.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Silva. The motion was carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Township Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk