

**AURORA TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY**  
**AURORA, ILLINOIS**  
**Date: June 10, 2010**  
**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 June 10, 2010. 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 did the roll call with the following members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, Monica Silva, David Moore, and Davis Offutt, Aurora Township Assessor.

**Public Present:** Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF May 27, , 2010**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday May 27, 2010 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore. 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 \$94,999.38 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$11,884.73 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$7,141.25 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **Mental Health Bills** in the amount of \$78,217.13 was made by Monica Silva and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

A combined motion to approve **the IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$7,265.06 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,587.45 was made by David Moore and seconded by Monica Silva. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit **Equipment and Building Bills** in the amount of **\$53,181.50** was made by Monica Silva and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

##### **V.**

None

#### **VI. REPORTS**

##### **1. Supervisor's Report**

Supervisor Campos reported that next week auditors were coming. Supervisor Campos gave a G.A. report and a RIK report.

Supervisor Campos advised that the week of June 20 to June 26 was declare "National Mosquito Control Awareness Week", and that for mosquito control, when spraying will occur and to be put on the list (for neighborhood spraying), residents can call the 800 number provided on the web site by the Highway Commission Dept.

The Township provided a notice providing information on mosquito control and prevention. See attached.

Supervisor Campos also reported that Community Foundation Scholarships would be awarded to three recipients who were expected to pursue their interest in social work. Brochures were passed out.

##### **2. Roads & Bridges**

## **Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker**

John Shoemaker submitted a written report. See attached.

### **3. Youth Report**

Justine Bennett reported that the summer youth programs were working out well. Ms. Bennett reported that 25 people had been signed up to participate in the blood drive, and that the Youth Commission would be partnering with Domino's for a run.

Ms. Bennett provided a written report on the various programs provided by the Township. See attached

In connection with the services offered, Trustee Monica Silva suggested that Township employees should be encouraged to take a more "hands on" approach on helping staff and others in dealing with kids with behavioral issues.

Justine Bennett explained that there were "rules" in places to deal with occasional problems, however additional help would always be appreciated in keeping order.

Monica Silva addressed specific issues regarding "bullying", and that kids involved with "bullying" should not be allowed to return to the center. There should be more control on this issue.

Justine Bennett advised that there were suspensions in place for this conduct and that parents were advised of the procedure and is supportive of the disciplinary action.

Monica Silva related that there were recent calls to the Aurora Police Department relating to some kids; however Justine Bennett related that on those occasions the problems were resolved before the APD arrived.

David Moore commented that the staff at the Youth Center should be increased to accommodate behavioral issues.

Delores Hicks suggested that we look to the state for assistance, but was generally happy with the support of the parents.

David Moore agreed with the issue raised by Monica Silva and stated that Bennett should have appropriate staffing. Older guys can held out with discipline.

David Moore thanked Justine Bennett for her continuous good work and for both her and her staffs input.

Supervisor Campos reminded everyone of the up-coming “Blood Drive” – June 30<sup>th</sup> 3:30-7 p.m. Justine Bennett advised that there would be free ice cream.

#### **4. Assessor’s Report**

Davis Offutt, Aurora Township Assessor advised that Dell Computer invoices cover replacement for two (2) 5 year old computers currently in the Township office and upon updating the old computers would be delivered to the Youth Commission.

Mr. Offutt also submitted a written report. See attached.

Mr. Offutt explained that his office was currently revaluing properties to the current Jan. 2010 Fair Cash Value, and is encouraging anyone concerned with assessment issues to contact his office or the county assessor.

Monica Silva asked how is the community to be advised on issues of exemptions. Mr. Offutt advised that issues relating to exemptions should be explained and that inquiries should be made through the County. Web sites show what they are, and the community should be encouraged to call the Township for explanations.

For senior assessment (exemptions), explanations for base exemptions will be explained upon inquiry to the Township. Qualifications are different for a senior homeowner. So inquiries regarding “a freeze” on assessments should be made to the Township Assessor’s office. Free. The assessor’s will go to homebound seniors for help with “exemptions and freezes”.

Mr. Offutt encourages a visit to the Assessor’s Office even though the responsibility if the Counties.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made to approve the Pre-Wage Ordinance 2010-03, motion was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion Carried. (Voice vote)

Supervisor Campos thank the Trustee’s for their committee participation, and made the following appointments:

Monica Silva was added to CDAP  
David Moore was added to the senior's Committee  
Delores Hicks was added to the Youth Commission, and  
Bill Catching was added to the "708 Mental Health Board.

Delores Hicks stated that some committee appointments should run for more than two (2) years, instead of one (1) because it would give the Trustees the ability to see the implementation of their effort. David Moore was in agreement, explaining that his participation on the Community Development Assistance Program took one (1) year to organize and he needed to have participation for longer than one (1) year to understand Township responsibilities in the program. In this regard Mr. Moore moved and was seconded by Bill Catching to table consideration of Board participation.

Monica Silva agreed with the issues relating to participation by Trustees because it provides a great benefit to both the committees and the public.

Delores Hicks also agreed with the idea of extension, because it would provide availability and opportunity to complete projects in spite of limited committee participation.

David Moore agrees with the comments of all of his colleagues regarding participation and believes that the Trustees commitments are both commendable and genuine; therefore he believes that the issue of extending the length of Trustee committee participation should be taken under advisement for further discussion.

Supervisor Campos agreed with Trustee committee participation in the past and future involvement with committee's because of the interest shown by the Trustees, and therefore will include this issue on next month's agenda.

A roll call vote was taken on Ordinance 2010-03 (Prevailing Wage Ordinance).

Discussion was had on Ordinance 2001-5 relating to homeowners complaints of uncut grass of properties in foreclosure. Letters should continue to be sent to homeowners regarding compliance with 10 days to abate the nuisance, and the use of outside sources if the problem is clean-up. Monica Silva is in favor of a third vendor for clean-up purposes. The use of 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor's may force the Township to follow up on enforcement

Township Atty. Explained costs plus attorney fees to be attached to homeowner bill for clean-up, including 3<sup>rd</sup> party clean-up expenses.

Monica Silva acknowledged that people don't generally recognize liens, but enforcement must be encouraged.

Hector spoke of the need (for people) to be advised through communication regarding a lien to encourage the cleaning up of their property or be advised of consequences.

Delores Hicks advised that she attended a senior committee meeting today and would like to go to Golden Dinners possibly for luncheon meetings in the future.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Campos read the following announcements:

1. See Trustees Committee Appointments.
2. Aurora Township Participated in TRIAD Fashion Show on June 1, 2010
3. Aurora Township hosted Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, June 2, 2010. Supervisor express thanks to Justine Bennett for her assistance.
4. Lisa Madigan, Illinois Attorney General, presented several seminars on foreclosures, senior scams, and registering women voters on June 2, 2010. The overall effect of the programs was good for the community.
5. Public Hearing on 2010-2011 Budget, June 24, 2010 at 3:30 p.m. followed by the general meeting at 4:00 p.m.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Monica Silva. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**      THURSDAY, July 8, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill  
Aurora Township Clerk