

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

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

- I.** Township Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Trustee David Moore then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Dr. Monica Silva, David Moore, Dolores Hicks, and William Catching. **Also present:** Assessor Davis Offutt. **Staff Present:** Justine Bennett, Vicki Marques, and Clarence Robinson. **Public Present:** Rigo Mendez, Alfredo Talip, and Rutilio Talip.
- II. APPROVAL OF BRIAN POLLOCK AS CLERK PRO-TEM.**
1. There was a motion by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Catching to nominate Brian Pollock to act as Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of Clerk Juan Thomas. Motion carried by voice vote.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON MAY 28, 2009.**
1. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from May 28, 2009, subject to corrections. Motion carried by voice vote.
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING ON JUNE 4, 2008.**
1. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from June 4, 2009. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
- V. APPROVAL AND/OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BILLS**
1. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$95,394.77**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

2. There was a motion by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$8,023.69** Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit General Assistance bills of **\$3,784.53**. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
4. There was a motion by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Hicks to audit Liability Insurance bills of **\$40,888.00**. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
5. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Catching to audit Equipment and Building bills of **\$546.00**. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.
6. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Hicks to audit Joint Bridge bills of **\$3,391.50**. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report. He related some details about the impact of the current economic situation on the Township's tax base. He indicated that the median sale price for home has dropped 22% in Kane County. The tax books for the upcoming year will arrive in August, and governmental bodies should be prepared to expect less revenue for next budget year. Assessor Offutt also discussed temporary adjustments for victims of natural disasters and stated that anyone who has been the victim of such an event should call Assessor's office for an individualized evaluation of property value.
2. No Road and Bridge report was presented.
3. Vicki Marques gave a brief presentation and brochure about the summer lunch program. She mentioned that nutritionally balanced meals will be distributed at 23 sites in targeted areas in which the children meet specific criteria and that the program is not intended to make money, but rather break even. All sites will open Monday, June 15, although some have opened early. Summer camp counselors have requested more participation in the program from the Board of Trustees.

4. Youth Director Justine Bennett spoke about several issues pertaining to the Youth Center. She mentioned that she has been re-writing a grant for the youth delinquency program because the Township served more youth last year than in previous years. The Huntington Learning Center is offering free tutoring for middle school and high school students who attend Waldo, Cowherd, Simmons, or East High from June 15 to July 8. The Township Youth Center will host a blood drive July 1. There will be a senior luncheon Tuesday, June 16 at noon at the Youth Center. Some of the girls who attend the Youth Center have asked for more activities geared to young women. The Youth Center hired a couple teens for the summer through the employment grant from KCDEE. The Youth Center's summer hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., although the soccer camp runs daily until 8:30 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None presented

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. An ordinance concerning the payment of prevailing wages in the Township was introduced. A motion was made by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to pass Ordinance **09-XX**. A roll call vote was taken, and the ordinance was passed unanimously, 5-0.
2. A motion was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Silva to authorize Supervisor Campos as a signatory on all of Aurora Township's bank accounts. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote. The Clerk is directed to submit any necessary documentation regarding this authorization to the applicable financial institutions.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to enter into executive session to discuss Township personnel issues. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 4:44 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 5:01 p.m.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ricky Rogers spoke on behalf of African American Men of Unity (AAMU) to invite everyone to Juneteenth celebration Saturday, June 20 from 4-7 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park on S. Farnsworth Ave. He also thanked Aurora Township for allowing

AAMU to use the Youth Center for its Rites of Passage program and he looks forward to providing a full report on the program at an upcoming meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Silva. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Pollock
Aurora Township Clerk Pro Tem