

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

AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: June 23, 2011

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, May 26, 2011. 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, David Moore and Mark Semmler.

Supervisor Campos moved to go into executive session at conclusion of business, motion seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

Public Present: Please see attached.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF June 9, 2011.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **June 9, 2011** was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried, subject to amendment. (Voice Vote)

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

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$68, 621.74 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$12, 361.22 was made by Bill Catching with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$4, 113.42 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$45, 228.24 was made by Bill Catching 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 \$6, 022.97 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **MENTAL HEALTH FUND EXPENDITURES** in the amount of \$10,000.00 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote).

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see attachments.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

Jason Owen

Mr. Owen reported that the Department was in the middle of resurfacing, but was handicapped by the weather. He anticipates that the Dept. would be brought to date as the weather permits.

Mr. Shoemaker reported that Grass in the area was creating a problem because of the inconsistent rainy and dry spells.

Mr. Owen also reported that event groups serviced by tents were going well.

Additionally, Mr. Shoemaker explained that he had met with various Lighting Companies to upgrade lighting in the Township.

3. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos reported that the "Ride in Kane" program had 93 riders, including 56 new clients in the month of May.

Supervisor Campos also passed out updates for the month of May general assistance. See attached.

Supervisor Campos also reported on the recent fire disaster. Supervisor Campos reported that a special account was established at Old Second Bank to provide assistance to the surviving residents and cited a Beacon News article that cited statutory guidelines for the requirements of residents seeking assistance.

Supervisor Campos reported that assistance was given to two (2) of the three (3) victims who applied and met the statutory guidelines. The Township provided assistance from Youth and Senior foundation meeting to assist victims.

Sent flowers to Tom Meyers from Aurora Township.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Campos stated that presentation by Kane County representative will be here later.

Supervisor Campos presented a motion to approve Resolution 2011-13 Prevailing Wage Act seconded by Bill Catching. Roll Call Vote: all Trustees are voting Yes.

Discussion was had for roof repairs at Youth Center. Justine Bennett reported on areas of need for repair. See also proposals from: A&E Roofing (June 9, 2011), Affordable Roofing (June 17, 2011), and Olsson Roofing (June 17, 2011), attached.

Delores Hicks stated that it was important to understand the bonding issues associated with Affordable Roofing.

David Moore questioned whether we were getting input from people knowledgeable on repairs and estimates and how we should proceed.

Trustee Semmler explained roofing for flat roofs and shingles. He examined the bids and questioned what they doing.

Bill Catching questioned costs.

Considering all of the bids David Moore recommended that we accept the bid of A&E Roofing, seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote).

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ricky Rodgers, Executive Director of African American Men of Unity (AAMOU) explained the core objectives of the organization was to assist youth. Mr. Rodgers explained that the group was an Aurora, Illinois 501(c) (3) community based org. with experience in serving disadvantaged youth belonging to low-income households. Participation was expected from East Aurora High School, Simmons Middle School, Coward Middle School and Washington Middle School. Mr. Rodgers was seeking a \$4,000 grant from the Township to assist in the program.

Supervisor Campos explained that the "Funder Consortium" has not acted on the request, and that AAMOU will be advised.

David Moore questioned who represents the Township at the bd. Meeting considering the grant applications. Supervisor Campos explained that she does.

Peggy Hicks questioned when the "Funding Consortium" would take place and whether the Trustee's will look at the application to consider funding. Citing the victims of fire concern, because of funding needed to help families,

Ms. Hicks expressed that she was happy with Township guideline statements.

Mark VanKerhoff, Kane County Director of Development and Community Services appeared and explained the building and zoning services available to the township. Mr. VanKerhoff provided a regional report from the regional Planning Commission to the Kane County Board for 2010.

Mr. VanKerhoff explained how hearings are conducted on zoning and building violations, and the problems associated with getting building owners and banks (where properties are in foreclosure) to act on correcting violations.

Mr. VanKerhoff also explained the "2040 Plan" and how it works. See flier for explanation of plan, attached. Also attached is the Kane County Development & Community Services Department monthly report to the Development Committee (June 21, 2011).

Delores Hicks expressed concern about maintenance and code enforcement issues and whether there was overlapping between the County and Township regarding compliance and enforcement. Ms. Hicks explained that she is aware the property owners are primarily responsible property up keep, but when is the County / Township responsible for enforcement.

Hector Benavidez pointed out that properties listed as 1501 Molitor and 1100 Pleasant had various problems in existence, pictures were taken showing trash and other issues all of which were taken to the County. However when County observed them County recognized an open garage and decided to assume responsibility for all.

Hector further explained that nothing has been done to alleviate the problem. Hector explained that the problem in County was enforcement.

Mr. VanKerhoff explained the procedure from notice to the property owner to adjudication to enforcement.

Mr. Semmler questioned the time frame for action - 60 days / 90 days ? and stated ideally 15 days should be sufficient. Depending on response by owners or foreclosure property it could take 1 year in the worst case scenario.

Edwin Trinta, Township Atty. Explained the nuisance authority for the Township is garbage, grass, etc, open structures (such as garages) is Counties responsibility. How should the Township address open structures and issues such as 1100 Pleasant considering the Counties responsibility?

Mark VanKerhoff explained the necessity for more communication between the Township and the County on these issues. Mr. VanKerhoff explained that the Townships responsibility to clean up and cut the grass will have no affect on the Counties responsibility on more structural issues.

Mr. Moore questioned when the Township acts pursuant to its ordinance, how would it affect or interfere with the County's jurisdiction? Why should we wait until the County acts?

Mark VanKerhoff explained that there was no necessity to wait at all.

Mr. Moore, then what are we waiting for? Is there a need for more manpower?

Mr. Moore expressed the need to act upon properties in nuisance states. Action should be immediate without waiting for postal deliveries. We should post properties and act immediately. Mark VanKerhoff stated that the Township should act whenever and not wait for the County to act first. As soon as there is a citizen complaint, a statement should be made to County.

Mr. Moore, how should a complaint be made to County? Letter? Phone call?

Mark VanKerhoff, e-mail works as a quick notification, and insures an immediate action.

Mr. Moore, complaint should be made by the Code Enforcer.

Supervisor Campos, we will set some time in place to accommodate issues.

Mark VanKerhoff explained that there is no single code enforcement officer in place in the county, the responsibility is spread out.

Delores Hicks questioned how many liens or foreclosures are there in the County presently.

Edwin Trinta, . . . stated currently there are 4 liens in effect for properties in Aurora, and explained the procedure to affect a lien and how it is handled for properties in foreclosure.

Hector Benavidez explained that there were 17 tall grass violations. 10 were cut. Hector agrees with the procedure to charge by posting instead of mailing.

Trinta: We should pass a procedure for posting.

Semmler: with a 10 day period to act by property owner or the Township will act at the cost to owner.

Delores Hicks questioned whether we have sufficient crew to act? Hector: we have contractors in place and ready to act.

David Moore expressed the need for a special meeting with the Code enforcer to discuss issues.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos stated that the Foundation for Aurora Township Senior & Youth Services hosting Fay's Bar-B-Que on June 27th Youth Center hosting blood drive on June 30, 2011.

IX. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – PERSONNEL ISSUES

A motion was made by Supervisor Christina Campos and seconded by David More to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: all Trustees are voting Yes. Adjournment to Executive Session: 5:55 p.m.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION.

Motion by Supervisor Christina Campos to reconvene to open session at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Delores Hicks. Roll Call Vote: All Trustees's voting Yes. Open session reconvened 6:30 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

XII. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, ^{July} June 14, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.


Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk