

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF KANE) SS
TOWN OF AURORA)

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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, September 10, 2009. 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 asked Dolores Hicks to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aurora Township Clerk, Juan Thomas has resigned. A motion was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Dolores Hicks that Suely Ann Cabral be appointed clerk pro-tem.

The motion carried. (voice vote)

Suely Cabral did the roll call with the following members present: Christina Campos, Monica Silva, Dolores Hicks, David Moore, and Bill Catching. Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker was absent.

Public Present: please see attachment.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2009

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday August 27, 2009, was made by Monica Silva with a second by David Moore provided that the following corrections are made:

III. (7.) Monica Silva was not present.

IV. (3.) Typo re: Sgt. Grimes

IV. (1.) There was no report by the Assessor.

Trustee Catching said that he would like to add two things to the Agenda:

1. Discuss Marren & Hogan
2. Seasonal Chores Lawn Mowing Services for Aurora Township

Supervisor Campos said that Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker called and will not be present at today's meeting. His staff will be working on brush clean up.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

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

A motion to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$63,383.53 was made by Monica Silva with a second by Dolores Hicks.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$13, 599 .58 was made by Dolores Hicks and seconded by Monica Silva.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the General Assistance bills in the amount of \$3549.05 was made by Dolores Hicks and seconded by Bill Catching.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the IMRF bill in the amount of \$6,011.82 was made by Monica Silva and seconded by Bill Catching.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the Social Security bill in the amount of \$4,871.52 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Dolores Hicks.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road & Bridge Social Security bill in the amount of \$810.43 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Dolores Hicks.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the R&B IMRF bill in the amount of \$1,209.60 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Dolores Hicks.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

IV. (A.) REPORTS

1. Assessor Report: Davis Offutt

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see attachments. Assessor Offutt said that if there is a change in your taxes they will notify you.

2. Youth Report:

Justine Bennett was absent Ms. Vicki Marques submitted her Youth Report. Ms Marques said that the partnership with Communities in Schools will continue. They will provide 4 students to help with homework. There are several upcoming fairs that the Youth Center will participate in.

Soccer Field: we do not have an actual date when work will begin. Irrigation will not be able to be provided at this time. We do not have an estimate at this time. The Soccer Field is in Aurora Township but in order for us to obtain utilities for the field we need to belong to Aurora or to Montgomery. Ms Marques has researched a grant that can provide funds for utilities and is still looking into it. .

Trustee, Moore asked if portable irrigation was a possibility. Ms. Marques said that, that is also something that they are looking into.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Campos said that the Mosquito Abatement Resolution was not approved by the 2007 Board of Trustees and needs to be finalized. Supervisor Campos presented the board with three resolutions; Resolution No. - 2009-08, Resolution No. – 2009 – 09 and Resolution No. – 2009 – 10. The board made a combined motion for all three votes.

- 1. Resolution No. -2009 – 08** Resolution calling on an election Referendum to declare a Mosquito Abatement District for tax purposes in the unincorporated area of Aurora Township.
- 2. Resolution No. -2009 – 09** Resolution confirming the results of the election of the election Referendum to declare a Mosquito Abatement District for tax purposes in the unincorporated area of Aurora Township.
- 3. Resolution No. – 2009 – 10** Resolution calling for an election Referendum to establish a maximum aggregate extension for the Aurora Township Mosquito Abatement District for the 2009 Levy Year.

Supervisor Campos said that each resolution has its own individual number and asked pro-tem clerk, Cabral to do a roll call for the vote.

Trustee Hicks yes Trustee Moore yes Trustee Silva yes Trustee Catching yes Supervisor Campos yes

The vote was approved unanimously for all three Resolutions. The Resolutions were signed by all of the officials.

- 4.** Bill Catching made a motion to terminate the relationship between Hogan & Marren and Aurora Township. Discussion ensued: Trustee Catching said that he thinks that the attorney could be selected locally and cheaper. He recommended that we move forward expeditiously.
There was some discussion on this. Supervisor Campos said that she would like to table this to the September 24th meeting. She said that the attorney will be present at that Board meeting. Mr. Catching said that we have no legal binding with this lawyer, we have not voted on it. Trustee Catching read the statute regarding the attorney. Trustee Silva said that she stands behind what she said and does not feel comfortable without legal representation. Trustee Catching's stance is that we do not have an attorney. Trustee Silva said that on September 24, 2009 we can appoint the attorney or terminate if we so choose.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Funder's Consortium

Supervisor Campos said that different agencies apply for grants. She said that there is no change from the previous year and asked the Board to approve payments to be made that had been approved for their grants.

A motion was made to approve payment for the Funder's Consortium grants by Dolores Hicks with a second by David Moore.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

2. Trustee Catching said that he had some questions regarding the FOIA request that was received. He inquired regarding the Lawn Mowing staff that is hired through a temporary agency. For temporary employees, do we not have liability, what if they get hurt? Supervisor Campos said that this program was in place by the Murphy and Craig Administrations prior to her. Trustee Catching said that this can be problematic. The 15,000.00 grant, was it used properly? Supervisor Campos responded that documents disappeared prior to her taking office and she will have to look into it.

3. Trustee Moore said that in the spirit of transparency salaries / names are considered public record. He mentioned a case that took place in Wheaton where they were sued and lost.

4. Trustee Silva said that she has asked at previous meetings to previous Supervisors and she was told that it should be discussed at Executive Session. Trustee Catching said that at the city it is public information. Trustee Silva said that she can only speak from her experience with past meetings with Aurora Township.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos said that Aurora Township will be receiving 3 new buses and will be returning the loaner bus. This should help with the expenses that we have to put into the older buses currently.

Trustee Hicks said that the Food Drive was awesome! Every department participated and it was done quite well. The Youth Center won the Pizza Party with the Assessors office coming in at 2nd place.

Trustee Hicks said that Last week they went on their first field trip. They went to the Drury Lane Theatre for the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging 2009 Senior Expo. The seniors rode in a bus. She also said that she is planning a trip to the Lincoln House, to the Governor's mansion and to Navy Pier.

Supervisor Campos said that we will be having our own Senior Expo in the spring. We did some good networking and brought back lots of good information.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Campos asked everyone to please state their name and address if they would like to be addressed at this time.

Al Hariud of 122 Lehnertz Circle asked if the township has let the insurance premiums lapse. Trustee Silva addressed him and asked him if he knows otherwise to let them know. It would show in the bills that are approved by the board.

Mary Borneman of 224 Georganna, Yorkville said that she submitted the request for FOIA and that she sent the same letter to the city of Aurora regarding grant records. She still has questions regarding township personnel and salaries. Funds were given for the Lawn Mowing program should have been spent to employ high school students. She said that the grant needs to be carried out as it is written. Trustee Moore asked Ms Borneman if she resides in Kane County. He said that you need to state how you will use this information because there is some liability and laws change. Ms. Borneman said that she resides in Kendall County. Trustee Moore said that he understand that the FOIA is non-jurisdictional.

Trustee Hicks asked Ms. Borneman if she is Clarence Robinson's daughter. Ms. Borneman said yes, she is Mr. Robinson's daughter.

Mr. Greg Renaud of Berwick Drive in Aurora asked if it is a rule or not a rule, regarding the position of the Chief of Staff that the individual needs to reside in the township. Trustee Moore responded that there has never been a residency rule for employee's living outside of Aurora Township.

In response to Mr. Renaud's question, Trustee Catching said that as a former police officer (Mr. Renaud) the city of Aurora has not required that their employees live in the city of Aurora. Mr. Renaud responded that top heads should be paying taxes to the township.

Trustee Moore said that elected officials need to live at least on year in the township but not employees.

Mark Robinson of North Aurora, son of Clarence Robinson said that he heard that the attorney that is working with Aurora Township specializes in firing people.

Al Hariud of 122 Lehnertz Circle, Aurora said that one weekend in June the buses were closed because the insurance premiums were not paid.

Mrs. Shirley Robinson of 361 Manor Place, Aurora, asked, when will a copy of the budget be made public. Supervisor Campos responded that it was placed on the website for public view.

Ms. Mary Borneman of Yorkville said that she has a question for Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker but he is not present. She said that at the last meeting he stated, we are transparent and you can get information from the web site. She said that minutes are not up to date and that she did not find any policies and procedures in the website. There was links. She would like for it to be known

that what he mentioned is not in the web site. Maybe Mr. Shoemaker did not understand the question. She also said that the link that links you to different guide lines is not working. Trustee Silva apologized to her personally.

Sandra Lange of Yorkville, Youth Center employee asked what the requirements to fill the clerk's position are.

Trustee Catching responded to her that the individual should be a resident of Aurora Township for one year and should have voted democrat in the last election. Resumes are still being accepted for that position until Sept. 18, 2009.

Ms. Borneman of Yorkville said that she understands that the attorney needs to be voted on currently, why did you not keep Mr. Funkey, and the current attorney is sending out letters when you really don't have an attorney, unless this attorney is doing pro-bono.

Supervisor Campos responded that the then Supervisor selected an attorney for some questionable bills.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by David Moore and seconded by Dolores Hicks. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

Respectfully submitted, Suely Ann Cabral.

Suely Ann Cabral
Clerk Pro-Tem