

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

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

**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, May 10, 2007. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute. Aurora Township Supervisor James R. Murphy called the meeting to order. Supervisor Murphy led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aurora Township Clerk, Juan Thomas was absent. A motion was made by Jim Murphy and seconded by Annie Craig 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, John Shoemaker, Monica Silva, Annie Craig and James Murphy. Juan Thomas Town Clerk was absent. Also present was Highway Commissioner, Fred Burgess, Vicki Marques and Brian Pollock.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2008.**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday August 28, 2008, was made by Annie Craig with a second by Monica Silva.

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 \$109,800.36 was made by Annie Craig with a second by John Shoemaker.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$41, 340 .11 was made by Annie Craig and seconded by John Shoemaker.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the General Assistance bills in the amount of \$5205.01 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Annie Craig.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the IMRF bill in the amount of \$5,109.90 was made by Annie Craig and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the Social Security bill in the amount of \$4,234.37 was made by Annie Craig and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road & Bridge Social Security bill in the amount of \$726.01 was made by Annie Craig and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the R&B IMRF bill in the amount of \$1,099.94 was made by Annie Craig and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

#### **IV. (A.) REPORTS**

##### **1. Road & Bridge Report: Fred Burgess**

- a. Currently working on salt spreaders.
- b. We had problems with wasps in one of our vents in the Secretaries office due to the fact that a heater was removed 10 – 12 yrs ago. Wasps built a nest and there were a lot of wasps in there.
- c. The price of salt has doubled.
- d. Residents are being billed for yard waste in their right of way.
- e. Both toilets have been replaced and installed by our own staff.
- f. One hundred tons of salt were ordered through CMS at \$60.00 per ton.
- g. We have signed an intergovernmental agreement with the city of Aurora to get the snow cleaned.
- h. We have terminated ISTA (Illinois State Tollway Authority) / agreements regarding overpasses over the toll way at Church and Mitchell Roads. ISTAs advised to deal with municipalities (Aurora or North Aurora).

##### **2. Youth Report:**

Vicki Marques said that the Youth Center staff participated in programs on weekends for the whole month of August. Some were paid hours and some were volunteer hours. There is still one more event next Wednesday at Waubensee – a Back to School Fair from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Results from the audit: we have to reimburse the state for \$300.00 (Tally marks were omitted by the Jericho Circle site in July for three days). They started out with 100 lunches and ended up with 25. They did not follow the rules. Next year we may have to hire different staff. The auditor will make it a point to audit the Jericho Circle program. We need to be more strict and have more control of the program.

Next week we will begin to provide transportation for CIS. They will provide us

with four students to help our homework club. For after- school transportation we will receive contract payments from CIS of approximately \$24,000.00. We are also planning to operate one of the CIS grade school camp sites next summer for which we will be reimbursed for up to \$24,000.00 in costs to run the camp. A delegation of students came from Mexico and awarded the trophies to the soccer team.

3. **Assessor Report: Davis Offutt** is out of town and Carol Van Hoosier's father died. A floral arrangement was sent.
4. **Supervisor's Report: James R. Murphy**

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

Compensation for elected officials 2009-2012, Supervisor Murphy passes out copies past resolutions regarding elected official compensation. Per statute, the Board sets compensation prior to the upcoming term. Previous compensation resolutions were part of resolutions in 1999, 2000 and 2004. More research is needed to find out what other townships are doing. Compensation for Trustees has been the same for the last 10 years. The Clerks was reduced slightly. The Assessor got annual increases and the annual salary is now above the Supervisor's. The Assessor's budget is \$500,000.00. Based on services, number of employees and budget the Supervisor's salary should be higher. Their argument at the time was that the Assessor's salary should be higher salaries to qualified staff. Also, other townships such as Naperville Township pay Assessors on assessed valuations. The Assessor, Supervisor and Highway Commissioner positions are full time positions. Trustees and Clerk are part-time, based on 2 meetings per month.

Other township boards offer health care insurance and some do not offer health care insurance to the part time board members. .

Changes will need to be made 150 days before the next election. We should have more information by then, including surveys of other townships salary schedules.

Trustee Campos asked if La Quinta de Los Reyes is paying the rent for the use of Aurora Township's parking lot. Supervisor Murphy said, no. Supervisor Murphy said that they were warned that they would be towed giving them the a chance to start paying again. The \$200.00 fee per month was way too low. We have an agreement but they have breached it. They still have not paid.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- . There was no new business.

VII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The kick –off event for the Latino Golden Diners will be held Wednesday September 17, 2008 at San Pablo located at 555 E. Benton St. Aurora 60505, from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Alderman Juany Garza will host the Pioneers Breakfast Friday Sept. 12, 2008 at La Sierra from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will hold their business and breakfast meeting Thursday Sept. 18, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into Executive session to discuss pending litigation was made by Annie Craig and seconded by Monica Silva at 5:05 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 5:11 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Annie Craig and seconded by John Shoemaker. The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

Respectfully submitted, Suely Ann Cabral.

Suely Ann Cabral  
**Clerk Pro-Tem**