

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

**Date: SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

**Time: 4:00 p.m.**

**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, and Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13, 2012. 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 called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and Mark Semmler also Commissioner John Shoemaker and Staff present: Justine Kopytov and Vickie Marques.

**Public Present:** Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF August 23, 2012.**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **August 23, 2012** was made by Christina Campos 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 \$74,609.48 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$18,713.75 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$6,382.39 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$10,069.47 was made by Christina Campos 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 \$6,153.86 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **JOINT BRIDGE BILLS** in the amount of \$458.02 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

#### IV. REPORTS

##### 1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report consisting of four (4) pages. Please see attachment. Mr. Offutt also explained the essence of the report containing copies of the Aurora Township notification dates for the equalization factor and the current totals of assessment complaints for all Kane County Townships as of September 10, 2012.

##### 2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker reported that on Tuesday (September 11, 2012) the County Board entered into an agreement for the Pasadena Dr Project. Which will have a full storm system.

Mr. Shoemaker also reported that an additional \$35, 000 for the project was available. The starting date is October 1, 2012, and is expected to take 4-5 weeks.

Mr. Shoemaker reported that his dept was looking into a lighting project for the Moekerville area. Everything else is moving forward and going very well.

##### 3. Youth Services Director's Report

Ms. Justine Kopytov submitted a two (2) page written report, and gave explanation for its contents. See attached.

Ms. Kopytov also explained that the Bus templates with handprints were looking very good.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Review of Financial Reports / and Discussion of Roof Repairs at Youth Center**

(A) Supervisor Campos explained the report submitting a two (2) page printout. See attached.

The printout represents a summary expense budget comparison from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013.

(B) Delores Hicks questioned whether the board would be able to ok roofing and flooring issues for the Youth Center.

David Moore offered that the roofing issue is a Trustee matter and is a priority, stating that the Board approved the budget for the cap overlay.

Mr. Moore stated that the Board should vote on what we need to do. Estimating a \$20-\$25,000 out-lay.

Discussion was had on the roofing question.

Delores Hicks offered that as soon as the roof is completed the floor should be next.

Supervisor Campos explained that "other issues" for repair were outstanding; as well as the vehicle, etc.

Ms. Hicks explained that the next priorities should be the roof and the flooring.

David Moore raised a motion to get an estimate for the roof.

Mark Semmler offered discussion as to the necessity for an estimate. Stating once we get a dollar amount then we can consider flooring issues.

Supervisor Campos expressed the view that she hopes we will have a report on the roofing project soon.

Atty. Edwin Trinta explained the project for an estimate and what was necessary for it.

Mr. Moore asked if Atty. Trinta looked to the outstanding bids to assure spec compliance. Mr. Trinta confirmed that he had.

Supervisor Campos offered that with funding we also have to consider issues on the Township building.

Ms. Campos stated that she was looking forward for the report to see where we can move forward.

Delores Hicks reiterated her interest in putting forward the importance of the flooring at the Youth Center as critical.

Mr. Moore's motion on the issue of an estimate was withdrawn.

### **(C) Aurora Township Rental Agreements**

Supervisor Campos offered for discussion the attached "Facility Rental Policy and Procedure. See attached.

Delores Hicks asked if there were other contracts in existence. To which Supervisor Campos replied – there were none.

Bill Catching explained that he agrees with the concept of a contract but stated that we have failed to comply with issues, since Mr. Rogers was turned away because of lack of contract.

Mr. Catching stated that we should not turn away "partners" because of a lack of contract.

Mr. Moore was in agreement. With explanation he agreed with the concept of a contract but objects to charging a fee as set forth in the proposal, since he believes that there should be no charge for the "needy".

Justine Kopytov explained that the contract is not implemented as of yet. Whereupon a discussion was had with Christina Campos.

Ms. Campos explained that no one is turning children away, but a contract is necessary as a safety measure for the Township from a liability standpoint.

Mr. Ricky Rogers (Executive Director, African American Men of Unity) stated that he was scheduled to attend the Township meeting.

He discussed the non-usage of the Township Youth facility because of a contract now in place that caused disappointment for the kids.

Justine Kopytov also explained the substance of the contract and issues related to it.

Atty. Trinta explained that he has seen the contract and is generally in agreement that the Township can enter into the agreement if it is the policy that the Township wants to implement.

Mark Semmler offered agreement as to the substance of the agreement and various charges with the rental.

Mr. Semmler also asked what exemptions are in place and why?

Items # 4 and 7 in the proposed rental policy are withdrawn. The issues relating to those items are to be discussed at the next board meeting, September 27, 2012.

Supervisor Campos stated that waiver forms for the children should be in place by then.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

See C above.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Mattie Coble asked if any other groups besides AAMU were turned away?

Randy Ryder Commented on holding people accountable for an agreement that is non-existent!

Mr. Ryder questioned how the board could do that? Stating that it is the height of unfairness considering the discussion had by the board. Mr. Ryder further stated that the issue at the center of the controversy is the some people do not get equal treatment because programs are cancelled without notice.

Ms. Peggy Hicks agreed with Mr. Rodgers offering explanation on the unfairness of the proposed new policy.

Ms. Hicks recognized the psychological trauma occasioned to the children who were turned away without proper cause. She stated that the board should make visits and hold the Supervisor accountable for the lack of usage and the potential for problems in the community because of the non-usage of programs.

Ms. Justin Kopytov offered explanation for the problem.

Mr. Ricky Rodgers expressed dismay for the charging of additional fees and stated that the Township should be looking for ways to provide advantages for disadvantaged kids without monetary expenses. The interest of the Township should be to avoid juvenile delinquency and not discourage kids by denying their programs.

Mr. Rodgers stated that our true mission (AAMU) is to provide incentives to create emotional stability not discouragement.

Supervisor Campos acknowledged the receipt of a certificate of appreciation from the Marine Corp league for the Townships interest and generosity.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Fiestas Partrias, Downtown Aurora, September 14-16, 2012.
- B. Aurora Township Community Outreach, Stress Management, Youth & Community Center, September 20, 2012 beginning at 7:00 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 5:04p.m.

- VII. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, September 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at the Aurora Township Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk