

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

Date January 10, 2013

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, January 10, 2013. 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: Vickie Marques.

Public Present: Please see attached.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF December 20, 2012.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **December 20, 2012** was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

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

A motion to approve the **Town Bills** in the amount of \$57,672.89 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$17,330.42 was made by Christina Campos with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$8,484.40 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **EQUIPMENT BUILDING Bills** in the amount of \$2,500.00 was made by Christina Campos, and seconded 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 \$10,125.87 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,879.42 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **JOINT BRIDGE BILLS** in the amount of \$16,713.48 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 one (1) page. Please see attachment. Mr. Offutt also made explanation for the report.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker reported that his department was getting a head start on next year's projects. Mr. Shoemaker also reported that the County also approved a 25 mph speed limit on all but six (6) Township streets.

Mr. Shoemaker further provided explanation on the changes.

3. Youth Services Director's Report

See attached written report by Ms. Vickie Marques with presentation and explanation on each item of interest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Aurora Township Electrical Aggregation Consultant Proposals

Christina Campos advised that the Township only received one (1) bid and that perhaps the Township should reach out for other proposals.

Mr. Edwin Trinta (Township Atty.) explained that he had had discussions with the City (Brian Caputo) regarding the proposal and re-opening the bid process, and "opt-out" issues.

He expressed the desire to clear up issues relating to the first proposal, and whether we should reopen the bidding process.

Bill Catching questioned that since we only had one (1) bid to process, whether the process was insufficient?

Mr. Catching expressed the view that two (2) weeks ago there was no decision on this issue, and now without staff recommendations we're putting it off another two (2) weeks.

Mr. Shoemaker raised the question whether there was an ordinance that says we should vote within a two (2) week period.

Mr. Trinta was not sure.

Christina Campos recommended that Mr. Trinta have continuous conversations with Mr. Caputo and to report to the Trustees within the next two (2) weeks on "the re-bid process" and "opt-out" issues.

Mr. Arnold Schramel (Progressive Energy) explained why there was only one (1) bidder, because the Township is small.

If we delay the process it would cause a loss of \$10,000 per month.

Mr. Schramel stated that they could work with the Township on the contract, but does not know what is to be expected from other bidders.

Mr. Schramel stated that the Township might work in partnership with other Townships for the next contract year, including No. Aurora, Sugar Grove, etc., however we should consider closing the bidding process for now and reconsider next year.

Ms. Delores Hicks asked, why delay? A discussion on that issue was had between Mr. Trinta and Mr. Shoemaker.

Mr. Trinta wants to consider the issues before the details are finalized.

Mr. Schramel stated that the "opt-out" procedure is governed by state statute and Comm Ed. Regulations. Mr. Schramel explained the process.

Mr. Trinta further explained the issues.

Bill Catching moved to accept the proposals by Progressive Energy. Motion seconded by David Moore.

Atty. Trinta questioned how Township knows that the subject bid is in the best interest of the Township in the absence of other bidders. Explained by Mr. Schramel.

Motion carried. (Voice vote). Mr. Semmler abstained.

Christina Campos provided an update on the "Youth Center" project.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn to executive session at 4:46 pm. Motion carried.
Voice vote).

Discussion was had between Mr. Bill Catching and Ms. Christina Campos on the propriety of when the Trustees should excuse the public for purposes of the executive session.

Meeting recessed at 4:46 pm.

A motion to reconvene to regular meeting was made by Christina Campos and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried (Voice vote). Meeting reconvened at 5:52 pm. (See notes – unfinished business).

A motion to adjourn regular meeting was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

VII. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, January 24, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., at the Aurora Township Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk