

**AURORA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
80 NORTH BROADWAY  
AURORA, IL 60505**

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**I.** Supervisor Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. He then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Thomas then called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members were present: Monica Silva, John Shoemaker, and Annie Craig. **Also present:** Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. **Staff Present:** Clarence Robinson, Justine Bennett, Vickie Marquez, and Hector Benavides. **Absent:** Christina Campos. **Public Present:** Manuel Nila, Delia Nila Basile, and Dennis Galloway.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSEES MEETING ON OCTOBER 9, 2008.**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes October 9, 2008 as amended. Motion passed by voice vote.

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

1. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$26,254.49**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$197,590.18**. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker to audit General Assistance bills of **\$4,615.53**. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. There was a motion by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$5,978.18; SOCIAL SECURITY \$4,357.63; R & B SOCIAL SECURITY \$724.74; R & B IMRF \$1,099.94**. Motion carried by voice vote.

**IV. REPORTS**

1. Assessor Davis Offut submitted a written report and gave an oral report on expense of temporary workers in his office.
2. Clarence Robinson reported that the Youth Department is working on collecting bids for the parking lot. Also, they need a new plow truck for snow removal.

3. Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess reported had a meeting regarding the Austin Ave. Bridge with IDOT. He informed them that the additional cost for replacement is not cost effective for Austin Ave and they should remove the Bridge and put Cul-De—Sacs in place of it. Work on the salt spreader is continuing. Tree removal continues on several streets within the Township before the winter storms begin. Repaired cracks in the salt shed; replaced all the outside faucets in the main building of the Highway Department.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was a motion made by Trustee Shoemaker and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the appointment of Justine Bennett as the new Youth Department Director. After a brief discussion and introductions the motion passed by voice vote.

Supervisor Murphy presented a plaque of appreciation to Vickie Marques for her service as the Interim Director for the Youth Department.

Supervisor Murphy informed the Board that he will present 2009 Levy Ordinance for Board discussion and approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting in November.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Craig thanked Justine Bennett and Vickie Marques for hosting the recent Women in Government event.

Clarence Robinson informed the Board that the senior dinner distribution date has been changed to December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Silva announced that Family Focus is hosting their dinner November 8<sup>th</sup> at Pipers Hall.

Clerk Thomas announced that the Quad County Urban League Dinner will be Saturday, October 25, 2008.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dee Nila Basile from the City of Aurora spoke to the Board regarding the history of the Nila Family and Mexican-Americans migrating to Aurora, IL. She requested that the Township support the renaming of Indian Ave. in honor of Senobio Nila and the Nila Family one of Aurora's first Hispanic immigrants.

There was a motion made by Trustee Shoemaker to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation. The motion failed for lack of a second.

The Board discussed the mosquito abatement referendum on the ballot this upcoming November election. The referendum appears on certain voters ballots that are not impacted by this referendum. The referendum should only be on the ballots of voters that are impacted by the referendum. The Kane County Clerk incorrectly placed the referendum on all the ballots in Aurora Township.

**IX. ADJOURMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Craig and seconded by Trustee Shoemaker. The motion was carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 4:00pm in the Township Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas  
Aurora Township Clerk