

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

Date: November 22, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

AMENDED MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

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, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 22, 2011. 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 did the roll call with the following members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore and Mark Semmler.

Public Present: Please see attached.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF October 27, 2011.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **November 10, 2011** was made by Delores Hicks 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 \$95, 511.01 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried (Voice vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$23, 011.85 was made by Bill Catching with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$12, 470.90 was made by Delores Hicks 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 \$9, 145.71 was made by Delores Hicks 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 \$5, 611.53 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks.

Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Mental Health Bills** in the amount of \$30, 231.61 was made by David Moore with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote).

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see attachment.

Mr. Offutt's report was essentially the same as his written report, stating that the filing deadline is November 22, 2011, except sections 32-36 which have a filing deadline of November 28, 2011.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker encouraged everyone to go on Parkside and see the removals of mail boxes with replacements.

Mr. Shoemaker stated that the land looks great. The improvements will enhance the value of residences.

Mr. Shoemaker also advised that the plows are on and ready to use salt when needed. Hot patch work is done for the year.

Mr. Shoemaker also stated that the proposed levy is the same as the previous four (4) years.

3. Code Enforcement Officer's Report

Hector Benavidez submitted a written report. See attached.

Mr. Benavidez reports that there is one (1) pending case at 1146 Bangs Street, and four (4) properties coming into compliance. No abatements.

Mr. Moore questioned the status of Youth Center repairs. Mr. Benavidez reports that the work has been completed.

4. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos referred to the General Assistance Monthly Financial Report attached.

Supervisor Campos also reported that the "Ride-in-Kane" program has 48 new clients.

Supervisor expressed thanks to the Trustees and volunteers for their support in the Buffalo Wild Wings fundraiser for the Youth and Senior Foundation, as well as the community Thanksgiving dinner on November 23, 2011, of which the Township was a sponsor.

Supervisor Campos also stated that the soccer play ground was completed, and also announced that the support from Laborers Local 149 was helpful.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Presentation of Annual Financial Report and Management Letter for the Year Ended March 31, 2011 by Brian LaFevre of Sikich LLP. See attached

Essentially, Mr. LaFevre explained and highlighted the substance of financial report in all of its significant aspects, and opened the floor for discussion.

Bill Catching pointed out that the only significant issue is the collateralization question, and this issue was explained by Mr. LaFevre.

- B.** Presentation by Jerry Murphy of Inc. Board.
Mr. Murphy introduced Karen Carlson as an intern with the organization.

Passed out brochure and fact sheet explaining them.

Of special interest the organization was the mental health need assessment for the Latino Community. See the 10/15/11 project.

Of all the services throughout the county 80.6% of those services went to the Aurora Township.

- C. Tentative Aurora Township Tax Levy for 2011.
Christina Campos explained the tentative tax levy.
Bill Catching proposed following the Inc Board levy of 1.8 % increase, with explanation.

David Moore commented on the critical nature of the services provided to the community by the Inc Board and was in agreement with Bill Catching on the approval of the 1.8% increase.

Mr. Semmler also concurred in the increase.

Mr. Catching moved for the 1.68% for the 708 Board to be included in the tax levy. Motion second by David Moore.

- D. Tentative Aurora Township Road District Tax Levy.
David Moore moved to accept the tentative Road District levy. Second by Bill Catching. Motion carried (voice vote)
- E. Resolution 2011-14 Regular 2012 Board Meeting Schedule. (Attached)

John Shoemaker suggested moving the schedule from December 13th to December 6th and 20th. Motion to so move by Christina Campos and second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote).
- F. 2012 Holiday Schedule. See attached.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Laesch - Following up on the reinstatement issue of the terminated employee. Who pays for the defense of the law suit against the Township, the Township or the Taxpayers?

Patrica Delenz Regarding Vickie Marques, offered appreciation of her contributions to the community. She simply wanted to point out her help to the community. Soccer has certainly helped the kids. Expressing a thank you to Ms. Marques, and wanted to see more Trustee participation in the community. She has seen Christina Campos but not other Trustees.

David Moore stated that he is actively involved in the community in every aspect. Delores Hicks also expressed her considerable involvement in the community and especially with the seniors.

Griselda Garcia (a previous youth volunteer). -- Expressed thanks for the Townships help in the community, especially for the soccer because of its help in the community, it has prevented involvement in gangs and crimes.

Peggy Hicks expressed that she has attended a number of Township meetings and is very appreciative of all of the Trustees for their community consciousness and sincere interest. She offers commendations for all of the Trustees and their involvement within the community.

Diego Perez thanked the Township for its strong presence in the community.

Bobby Cannon stated that she is involved in the community and expresses acknowledgment of Trustee Hicks in helping seniors in the community, and agrees with programs designed to help combat gangs and crimes. She is acutely aware of the Trustees commitment to the community.

Ms. Cannon expressed that both sides of town should form a coalition to work together in mutual interests.

Eva Rogers expressed that this Board is the most active Trustee Board in years of government and community interest. She explained that cohesiveness is necessary with all groups and races to support each side of town and each interest for the benefit of all citizens.

John Shoemaker suggested that the Levy should include cap expenses.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Delores Hicks and Christina Campos wished all a happy thanksgiving and expressed a thank you for all participating in the Thanksgiving food drive

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, December 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk