

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date: March 10, 2011
Time: 4:00 p.m.
AMENDED 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, Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday March 10 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
February 24, 2011**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday February 24, 2011 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote) Subject to amendment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF February
24, 2011**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Special meeting held on Thursday February 24, 2011 was made by David Moore 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 \$79, 634.34 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$40, 732.72 was made by Bill Catching with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$18, 123.39 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$9, 229.63 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore.
Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$5,634.71 was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching.
Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Davis Offutt also filed a written report. See attached

2. Roads & Bridges

Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker

John Shoemaker announced the opening of So. Farnsworth without paving. Bids for resurfacing will be opening on April 12, 2011. Reserves must be transferred to accommodate costs.

Commissioner Shoemaker suggested that complaints, if any, should be referred to his office, stating that the Highway Dept. will aggressively attempt to answer calls for customer services.

Comm. Shoemaker also stated that the Highway Dept was an ATHD organization, and in that vein presented 24 shirts to Vicki Marques who accepted them on behalf of the Youth Soccer Program.

3. Youth Services Director's Report

Justine Bennett: See extensive report.

Additionally, Barb Sullivan, Youth Center Coordinator explained the “Job’s with Youth at Risk” incentive, comprised of kids from the court systems of Kane and Kendall counties. Barb was quite effusive and excited about the program and presented “show and tell pictures representing: gardening, housing, and soccer field. Barb explained that the kids in the program will continue schooling and counseling with Liz. Barb also explained that there would be a green EXPO on June 11, 2011 at Prisco Center, inviting all to come.

Barb explained services and counseling to a young person serving 30 years for an aggravated battery conviction in a federal prison. Barbs involvement with the Hope Series provides inspirational services for at risk kids.

Liz, also a representative from Youth Services, presented consistent remarks regarding the “Hope Series”, and explained her job function.

Liz is excited about the possibility of getting more professionals involved including, but not limited to the following: the FBI, Army recruiters, Attorneys, anyone interested in suicide prevention, and others interested in working with adolescence 12-18, including the courts, probations and social services.

The aim is to work with and assist medium and high risk kids.

Liz has explained that she has received and worked 150 clients and only 4 have reoffended.

Liz presented us with the story of her first client. hypothetically, Sue, who was found to have herpes. Sue presented as distraught about school relationships / classmates issues, etc., counseling seemed to have worked. In counseling grades improved, and mother approved of the effort counseling provided. The kid responded to the efforts of the counseling, will graduate high school and is anticipating college in the fall.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2011-02, Financial Review Procedures

The proposed Resolutions (A & B) for financial procedures were explained by Supervisor Campos.

Trustee Catching questioned what Proposal A was asking, since it presented nothing new from what was in place

Township Atty. Edwin Trinta explained that the resolution did not change the previous procedure.

Trustee Catching stated that the resolution was simply codifying what we already do.

Trustee Moore raised questions regarding “Resolution B” - a second signature in township disbursements - should the person be bonded? And if so, at what cost?

Township Atty. Edwin Trinta advised that that person must go through the same bonding as the Supervisor. The Act does not require a specific amount. It simply requires bonding.

Trustee Moore believes that it’s double that of the Supervisor’s bond.

Trustee Catching further adds that “Proposal B” requires a second signature for a 1 year period. What happens if the trustee is absent? And what is the cost to the Township.

Trustee Moore’s concern is against additional costs - and recommends that the question of cost be tabled for 1 week.

Trustee Semmler asked what bonding was for the Supervisor and Supervisor Campos responded that TORMA provided it and did not know.

Trustee Moore suggested that the Trustee get cost issues researched for” Proposal B”and table the issue for the agenda at the next board meeting.

Supervisor Campos agreed, and tabled the matter for discussion at the next meeting

B. Resolution 2011-03. Authorizing Banking Depositories

Supervisor Campos explained the resolution authorizing banking, stating the banks in existence and adding the Bank of America.

Trustee Catching initially questioned the propriety of engaging this issue since it was not legally on the agenda. After discussion, Trustee Catching then moved for the issues inclusion, seconded by David Moore and the motion carried. (Voice vote)

A motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-03 authorizing banking depositories was made by Bill Catching, seconded by David Moore, motion carried. Roll Call Vote. Trustees Catching, Hicks, Campos, Moore and Semmler all voting Yes.

C. Proposed Aurora Township Resolution Authorizing Censor on Supervisor Campos

A motion was made to approve Resolution calling for censor of Supervisor Campos by Bill Catching seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote. Trustees Catching and Hicks voting Yes, Supervisor Campos voting No. Trustees Moore and Semmler voting Yes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. A Motion was made to approve **Resolution 2011-04 Interfund Transfer between General Fund and General Assistance Fund** (explanation of change from \$41,000 to \$41,800 was explained by Supervisor Campos). Motion by Bill Catching seconded by David Moore. Motion by Roll Call: Bill Catching – Yes, Delores Hicks – Yes, Christina Campos – Yes, David Moore – Yes and Mark Semmler – Yes. Motion carried.

B. A Motion was made to approve **the Identity-Protection Policy for Aurora Township** (see planned policy required by state). Motion by Bill Catching was seconded by David Moore. Motion by Roll Call: Bill Catching – Yes, Delores Hicks – Yes, Christina Campos – Yes, David Moore – Yes, and Mark Semmler – Yes. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eva Rodgers raised a question to Atty. Edwin Trinta. Does the law allow personnel issues to be discussed in executive session? Atty. Trinta, Yes.

Bobby Cannon raised issue with why the public was only issued an agenda on the board meetings, and the trustees were given other documents. Should the public receive the same information as the Trustees?

Supervisor Campos explained that that information was only available to the trustees; however it can be obtained through a FOIA request after the fact.

Trustee Catching explained that there must be a request for information before the meeting. Supervisor Campos explained that the meeting was conducted the same as City Council meetings.

Peggy Hicks stated that since the board was not making comments on comments, will the Trustees respond in writing or how would responses be made?

Peggy Hicks also stated that there are certain responsibilities for being bonded. What does it mean – requirements and responsibilities of being bonded?

Trustee Catching explained the procedures relating to questions asked by the public.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos advised the following announcement:

1. Aurora Township Senior and Youth Foundation Meeting, March 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. everyone is invited.

2. Trustee David Moore advised that on Tuesday March 22, 2011 from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. the Aurora Township will host an informal breakfast meeting for the Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) Revolving Loan Fund. The meeting will be held at the Aurora Township Office, 80 N. Broadway Ave. Aurora, IL. R.S.V.P. by March 18, 2011. See flier.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – Discussion of Personnel issues. Roll Call to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Motion by Supervisor Campos to adjourn to Executive session seconded by Delores Hicks. All Trustees voting Yes. Motion carried.

Executive Session convened at 5:00 p.m. and concluded at 5:50. Motion to reconvene at 5:50 p.m. carried. (Voice vote)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, March 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk