

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

**MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

- I.** Trustee Shoemaker called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. He then led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Christina Campos, Archie Needam, and Dr. Monica Silva. Also present: Highway Commissioner Fred Burgess. **Absent:** Annie Craig. **Staff Present:** Hector Benavides. **Public present:** Gilbert Lopez, Herlinda Martinez, Jody Watermann (Aurora Township Fire Protection District), Dave Moore, Maria Lozano, Richard Jackson, Cynthia Ponce, Jen Laesch, and Penny Falcon.

There was a motion by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Needam to appoint Trustee Shoemaker Supervisor-Protem. Motion carried by voice vote.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSEES
MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2009.**

1. There was a motion by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes on March 12, 2009 as amended.

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

1. There was a motion by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Silva to approve Town bills in the amount of **\$30,778.02**. After a discussion for clarification of certain line items, motion carried by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Needam and seconded by Trustee Campos to audit Road & Bridge bills of **\$7,101.48**. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Campos to audit General Assistance bills of **\$5,775.85**. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Needam to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$6,002.00; SOCIAL SECCURITY \$4,610.69; R & B SOCIAL**

SECURITY \$766.13; R & B IMRF \$1,143.59. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offut submitted a written report.
2. Highway Commissioner Burgess reported that pothole patch work continues throughout the Township; he has issued a 10 day notice to residents who need to clean their drainage ditches; truck # 9 needs to be repaired because of the brakes and turn signal.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Silva updated the Board regarding the flooding issues impacting Gilberto Lopez and Tid Costoruds in their particular neighborhood near Long Island Sound on the Far East side of Aurora. She announced that a \$30,000.00 block grant will be used to address drainage issues regarding the Eastern Ave. Project beginning in May 2009. Commissioner Burgess has also allocated \$20,000.00 to repair the drainage issues in the area.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Thomas announced that the sample ballot for the upcoming April 7th election is on the Aurora Township Webpage under the Clerk's Page.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cynthia Ponce and her family addressed the Board regarding the amount a trash in her neighborhood. She has complained to the County Health Department with no satisfactory resolution. Hector Benavides also explained that the Township has attempted to resolve this trash build up as well. Trustee Silva suggested a meeting be schedule with the County to resolve this matter.

Jody Watermann from the Aurora Township Fire Protection District requested funding from the Township. The Fire Protection District needs

\$20,000 for its Overnight Program, \$3,500 for a new furnace, and \$2,000 for the fire escape to meet code standards.

IX. ADJOURMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Campos and seconded by Trustee Needam. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 4:00pm in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk