

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date: APRIL 12, 2011
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, Illinois at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 12 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 March 24, 2011 was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote) Subject to amendment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF March 30,
2011**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the Special meeting held on Thursday March 30, 2011 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. 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 \$81, 739.99 was made by David Moore with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$19, 961.20 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$7, 600.31 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$10, 061.99 was made by Bill Catching 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 \$6,299.45 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Youth Services Director's Report (Motion was made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by David Moore to permit Youth Services Report to be first in order of Reports. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

Justine Bennett: See also extensive report

Wayne Robinson from the Youth Department explained skills increase for youth through outreach program for kids. Teaching responsibility for kids and having fun.

A volunteer coach also helps with kids from grades 4 through 8, teaching basic sports skills, including baseball and basketball.

David Moore asked about the turnout which Mr. Robinson explained was quite good.

Mr. Robinson explained that the kids were learning basic sports skills and developing relationships with others as being responsible.

Supervisor Campos wanted to see leagues developed in the program. See further explanation in Youth Report.

Justine Bennett provided additional information in explanation of her report, advising that a \$2,000.00 Target Grant had been applied for art supplies. Also Vicki had applied for a grant through the Kane County Health Dept. that would assist in playground equipment for the soccer field.

Ms. Bennett also revealed that \$5,000 had been obtained for renovations within the Youth Dept. These funds were provided by “Rebuilding Together Aurora”, formerly known as Christmas in April. This is a non-profit organization which teamed together with Hallmark and provided the funding. Listing various areas of need, (see report) the renovations take place on April 30th, 2011.

Ms. Bennett also reported that 20 teens participated in the “Hope Series” which was planned by Barbara Sullivan and Elizabeth Sidenbender. Guest speakers from the Aurora Police Dept. and the Kane Co. Sheriff’s Dept spoke with the teens. Another conference is planned for April 27, 2011.

2. Roads & Bridges

Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker

Explained the need for the passage of his new budget. He also expressed the need for the passage of the surplus agenda for additions to the Road Budget. See surplus agenda. Attached.

Bill Catching asked that the amounts sought for passage were interfund transfers. Essentially what you are doing was drawing down fund balances. Mr. Shoemaker agreed with further explanation.

Supervisor Campos moved for a declaration of Surplus seconded by Delores Hicks.

Bill Catching read the various surpluses to be acted upon for transfer through Resolution as follows:

\$56, 445.85 - Road & Bridge Liability fund - for transfer to Road and Bridge fund.

\$191,805.25 - Road & Bridge Equip & Bldg fund – for transfer to the Road and Bridge fund.

\$148,794.53 - Road & Bridge Joint Bridge fund - for transfer to Road and Bridge fund.

\$21,468.35 - Road & Bridge Soc. Sec. fund - for transfer to Road and Bridge fund, and

\$23,046.13 - Road & Bridge IMRF fund - for transfer to Road and Bridge fund.

3. Assessor’s Report

See Attached...

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. A Motion was made to approve **Resolution 2011- Declaration of Surplus Funds – Aurora Township Road District:** ROLL CALL VOTE: Catching – Yes – Hicks – Yes – Campos – Yes - Moore – Yes - Semmler – Yes. Resolution passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Moore announced that he attended an 8 a.m. monthly community meeting on April 2, 2011 held by the “North East Neighbors” and afterwards was approached by Mr. Ed Schmidt who related an issue regarding a nuisance property near his residence at 911 W. Marywood Street. Mr. Schmidt advised Mr. Moore that he had related this issue to the Aurora Board of Trustees’ with no results. See Memo to Trustees by David Moore.

Mr. Moore advised that he was announcing that this issue should be a part of the agenda for the board’s April 28, 2011 meeting.

Bill Catching announced that the Board’s Fund Balance policy should also be added to the agenda for April 28, 2011.

John Shoemaker advised that Sen. Bill 958 to dissolve Road Districts in smaller Counties would be affected by its passage. Aurora Township would not be affected Mr. Shoemaker explained the purpose of the legislation, and advised that the state senate was looking for ways to take services away from smaller Counties. Mr. Shoemaker advised that we should be of this legislation and urged its defeat.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos advised the following announcement:

1. Aurora Township Foundations Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser, Monday April 18, 2011, at 1460 N. Orchard Road, Aurora, IL. See attached brochure.
2. Supervisor Campos also announced that a workshop for the prevention of Rx / over the counter Drug abuse. 4/25/11 for presentation in English 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center, 313 Gale Street, Aurora, IL. See attached brochure.

EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION – Discussion of real estate issues. Roll Call to adjourn at 5:50 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 5:50 p.m. and concluded at 6:10. Motion to reconvene at 6:10 p.m. carried. (Voice vote)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, April 28 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.

Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk