

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY**

**AURORA, ILLINOIS**

**Date: MAY 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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2011. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

Aurora Township Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order. Supervisor Campos led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made to appoint Brian Pollock as Clerk Pro Tem by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote).

Aurora Township Clerk Pro Tem Brian Pollock called the role with the following members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, and David Moore. Trustee Semmler and Clerk Hill were absent.

**Public Present:** Please see attached.

**II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF  
April 28, 2011**

A motion to table the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday April 28, 2011 due to the absence one of the pages of the minutes was made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by Trustee 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 \$95,681.92 was made by Trustee Catching with a second by Trustee Moore. Discussion about several of the bills occurred with Supervisor Campos, Trustee Moore, and Trustee Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$4,418.62 was made by Trustee Hicks with a second by Trustee Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to audit the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$7,763.23 was made by Trustee Moore with a second by Trustee Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the IMRF Bills** and the **R&B IMRF Bills** in the amount of \$9,064.41 was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by David Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A combined motion to approve **the SOCIAL SECURITY Bills** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bills** in the amount of \$5,859.11 was made by Trustee Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **1. Assessor's Report Davis Offutt**

Assessor Offutt submitted a written report. He stated that the Assessor's office was in the performing assessments for the 2011 tax year (payable in 2012). He encouraged the Board to read his written report and that as always he is available for any questions.

##### **2. Highway Commissioner's Report John Shoemaker**

Commissioner Shoemaker states that Geneva Construction has not yet begun its road construction season. He stated that it will begin next Monday, May 16 and that South Farnsworth Avenue will close next Tuesday and will be completed hopefully by the end of next week. He stated that the Highway Department does not yet have a schedule for the rest of the resurfacing plans. He stated that the Department has begun mowing and has laid some grass seed. He stated that he is trying to save cash and rely on the Department's own labor as much as possible. He stated that the construction of a new truck for the ATHD will begin soon and will likely be completed in August. He stated that the ATHD will be a Patriot sponsor of the Aurora Fourth of July parade and is a sponsor of baggo tourney for North Aurora Days. He stated that ATHD will sponsor an even in Montgomery if offered the opportunity. He stated that sponsorships are an investment in the communities he serves and provides marketing/branding opportunities for the Highway Dept. to be known by residents. He thanked the Junior ROTC members who helped with the cleanup in unincorporated areas last Saturday as well as the Schuemann family on Connie Ct who brought everyone together.

##### **3. Youth Services Director's Report Justine Bennett**

Ms. Bennett stated that the Youth Department's Spring Party went well for the children who attended and included an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny. She stated that April 30 was a big day for the Youth Department with Rebuilding Together Aurora's visit to the Youth Center. The volunteers repaired ceiling tiles and a countertop, did some landscaping, and helped to beautify the building and grounds with more than an estimated \$5,000 in improvements. The summer lunch program begins June 6, and although several sites will not be participating this year, it will still be a successful program. The Township Youth Department will be hosting a Blood Drive on June 30 and all are invited to participate. See also written report.

##### **4. Supervisor's Report Christina Campos**

She stated that April 30 was a big day for Aurora Township. The Township participated in Dia de los Niños, Rebuilding Together Aurora, and the Sierra Club cleanup project. Lt. Williams from the Kane County Sheriff's Office presented a prescription program, and the Township has a good partnership with Kane County Sheriff Perez and his assigns. Prisco's Fine Foods made its final payment on one of its Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) loans, and this project was an example of how well the CDAP program can work for businesses in Aurora Township. General Assistance was down a little this month. Supervisor Campos has represented Aurora Township at neighborhood meetings, and the main issues raised have been about nuisance properties and trash. Supervisor Campos presented an update on the nuisance property at 911 Marywood and displayed pictures showing the results of the cleanup. The cost of the cleanup will be passed on to the homeowner and a lien will be attached to the property if it is not paid. Other troubled properties and the process for declaring them as nuisance properties were discussed.

#### **V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A motion to table the discussion and resolution (2011-02) regarding financial review procedures was made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote).

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A motion to add the nuisance property at 1470 Church Rd to the agenda made by Supervisor Campos and seconded by Trustee Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote). The Township Attorney reviewed the issues concerning the property and addressed the Board concerning its options. A motion was made to declare 1740 Church Rd. a nuisance property was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote).

A Motion was made by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve Resolution 2011- 09 **Appointment of Norbert Weber to the Montgomery & Countryside Fire Protection District**: ROLL CALL VOTE: Catching – Yes – Hicks – Yes –Campos – Yes - Moore – Yes - Semmler – Absent. Resolution passed unanimously.

**Presentations were made by** Pete Koehler, from Koehler & Koehler insurance brokers, and by Art Pizzello from Weiss Insurance Agency, Inc. regarding employee benefits. Each presenter spoke for approximately five minutes and was available for questions following the presentations.

#### **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Clarence Robinson stated that he would appreciate the Township's placing a flag on the flagpole at the Youth Department. Supervisor Campos stated that tress had been trimmed on the property and that the flag would be raised on the flagpole.

#### **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Campos made the following announcements:

1. Aurora Township Supervisor's Meet & Greet Ice Cream Social will be held Tuesday, May 17 at the Youth Center, 313 Gale Street, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
2. Aurora Township will host AITCOY meeting at the Youth Center on May 24, 2011.

3. A public hearing regarding the 2011-2012 Road District Budget will be held Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.
4. A public hearing regarding the 2011-2012 Town Budget will be held Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.
5. Aurora Township Senior and Youth Services Foundation will host a Fay's Bar-B-Que dinner fundraiser June 27, 2011 at the Youth Center and tickets are available.

**IX. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** –A motion was made by Trustee Hicks to adjourn to Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. for discussion of personnel issues and seconded by Trustee Moore. ROLL CALL VOTE: Catching – Yes – Hicks – Yes –Campos – Yes - Moore – Yes - Semmler – Absent. Motion carried unanimously. Executive Session convened at 4:59 p.m. and concluded at 5:35. Motion to reconvene at 5:35 p.m. carried. (Voice vote)

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Hicks. Motion carried and the Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, May 26 at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted.  
Brian Pollock  
Aurora Township Clerk Pro Tem