

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

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

I. Township Supervisor Christina Campos called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and then asked Trustee Hicks to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following Board of Trustees members were present: Bill Catching, Dolores Hicks, Dave Moore, and Dr. Monica Silva. **Also present:** Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker and Assessor Davis Offutt. **Staff Present:** Clarence Robinson, Suely Cabral, Sue Vasco, Hector Benavidez. Also present: Sgt. John Grimes from the Kane County Sherriff's Office. **Public present:** Jack and Tom Doman, Elaine Baird.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSEES MEETING ON JULY 9, 2009.

1. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the Board of Trustee regular meeting minutes from July 9, 2009 as amended. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

1. There was a motion by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore to approve the **Town Bills** in the amount of **\$64,244.55**. Motion passed by voice vote.
2. There was a motion by Trustee Hicks and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit **Road District Bills** in the amount of **\$4,512.56**. Motion passed by voice vote.
3. There was a motion by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Catching to audit **General Assistance Bills** of **\$6,541.32**. Motion passed by voice vote.
4. There was a motion by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Silva to audit and approve Township Payroll bills. These bills include **IMRF: \$5,907.87; SOCIAL SECURITY \$5,298.64; R & B SOCIAL SECURITY \$599.83; R & B IMRF \$895.79**. Motion carried by voice vote.

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor Davis Offutt submitted a written report and highlighted portions of his report including permit sales. He noted the purchase of two new computers for his office. He also invited new board members to visit his office.
2. Highway Commissioner Shoemaker reported that the patching on Church Road is completed; the Joe Mark Court Project is finished; the Highway Department has received \$85,000.00 grant from the State of Illinois. This money will be used to repair Ogden Garden.
3. Sgt. John Grimes introduced himself to the new members of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees and explained his role in the Kane County Sherriff's Office. He works in the Community Policing Unit. Trustee Silva read a letter from a local resident regarding a community complaint that inquired about the safety and criminal activity in the neighborhood.
4. Hector Benavidez reported on the type of community complaints he has received relating to inoperable/abandoned vehicles.
5. Clarence Robinson reported on the Summer Lunch Program. We owe \$36,000.00 to our vendor and will receive a check from the State of Illinois for \$50,000.00 to cover this expense.

V. OLD BUSINESS

NONE

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Campos announced that she has selected Laura Liu from Hogan & Maren to serve as Aurora Township Attorney. She is based in Chicago.

Supervisor Campos lead the board in a discussion regarding the Graffiti Abatement Agreement. There was a motion to authorize the Aurora Township Supervisor to enter into an agreement with the City of Aurora regarding a Graffiti Abatement Agreement.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Barb Sullivan sent a note of thanks for the work at the Aurora Township Community Youth Center and she also mentioned that the estate of Beverly Jean Turner donated \$400.00 to the Youth Center.

The Youth Department will host National Night Out on August 4, 2009 at 5:30pm-8:00pm.

Supervisor Campos announced that Letecia DeLeon is the new accountant for the Aurora Township.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Baird and from the 1200 block of Union and Gates Street was present for an update regarding her previous complaint. She had previously complained that the neighborhood is not clean and has occurrences of vandalism. Hector Benavidez explained that the nature of Mrs. Baird complains fell outside of the range of the Aurora Township Nuisance Ordinance. The Board suggested that Kane County may be the appropriate venue to register a complaint regarding these issues. Supervisor Campos will attempt to schedule a meeting with Kane County to resolve this matter.

Jack and Tom Doman introduced themselves. Tom is working to receive his Eagle Badge from the Boy Scouts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Hicks. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm. The next regular scheduled meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2009 at 4:00pm in the Township office.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan R. Thomas
Aurora Township Clerk

