

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date: July 28, 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, July 14, 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 JULY 14, 2011.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **July 14, 2011** was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried, subject to amendment. (Voice Vote)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 29, 2011 was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried, subject to amendment

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

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$64, 964.52 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$13, 409.80 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$8, 371.13 was made by Delores Hicks with a second by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$8, 835.39 was made by David Moore and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED SOCIAL SECURITY BILL** and the **ROAD & BRIDGE SOCIAL SECURITY Bill** in the amount of \$6, 283.91 was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve **the Mental Health Bills** in the amount of 424,127.54 was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice vote).

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see two (2) page attachments. Mr. Offutt's report was essentially the same as his written report, stating that his office has completed revaluating approximately 67.76% of the Aurora Township parcels for 2011 taxes payable in 2012.

Mr. Offutt also requested reimbursement in the amount of \$281.00 for additional mailings incurred by his office. Motion for payment of such fees was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried. (Voice vote) 9, 117.64

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker related that we had large weather events recently that have caused delay in department projects.

Exposition View road systems (flooding projects) are still in process relating to their storm systems. (Storm sewer). Nicor must act to remove gas main to other side of the street.

Parkside project is currently short of funding, and the project is unable to finish. The department is hopeful to continue the project within two (2) weeks.

3. Code Enforcement

Jeff Schoeberlein explained and passed out a print-out package consisting of three (3) pages showing a listing of properties that were sent notices to abate nuisances as of July 27, 2011. (See attached). The notices were all for "tall grass" issues with the exception that the property at 519 Montgomery Rd. was not just for weeds and Mr. Schoeberlein expects this property to be a problem. Page two of the print-out explained a listing of four (4) pending cases, showing the addresses of the properties, the issue relating to the notice and the status of each property.

Properties that were brought into compliance were also listed. Additionally a sample "Notice to Abate Nuisance" sticker was also included.

Mr. Moore, following up on projects, noticed that a flag at the Cemetery needed to be replaced.

Mr. Moore also commented on a great report presented by Mr. Schoeberlein

4. Comptroller's Report

Leticia DeLeon presented a statement explaining the financial statements submitted to board members for this meeting. During the first quarter of fiscal year 2011-2012 a total 27.32% or \$615,404.64 of the budget was expensed from the Township Fund. From the General Assistance Fund 9.71% or \$57,988.58. During the month of June (2011) the Township received \$1,305,875.71 of property tax funds.

See attached statement.

The Trustees were generally impressed with the Comptroller's report.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moore asked if H.R. (Ms. Betty Lambert) had any report on the status of hiring's, firings within the Township.

Ms. Lambert explained the Township was at full staff with employees. No terminations and no hires for the month of June.

Ms. Lambert also submitted a written report on Health Insurance. See attached.

Mr. Moore asked that Ms. Lambert keep the board advised on the status of the health insurance issue and updates.

A. Mr. Mike Bellinger and Mr. Joe Liberty from "Better Business Planning" presented a letter of introduction as well as a three (3) page brochure outlining the services their company can provide as the prospective consultant for the Township on employee benefits. Mr. Bellinger

explained that his company represents over 750 clients of which 11 are municipalities. The initial page of the brochure lists the participating municipalities. See attached.

Mr. Bellinger explained the introduction letter and contents included in the brochure.

Ms. Lambert explained the advantages of getting a new broker with various in-house services.

Mr. Catching made the observation that most employees have HMO as opposed to PPO coverage's.

Mr. Offutt explained the differences between HMO and PPO coverage's and the advantages of each stating that his preference was for PPO.

Mr. Moore expressed the idea that whatever broker we get should act in the best interest of the Township and its employees.

Ms. Delores Hicks asked about supplemental insurance, and Mr. Bellinger stated that it was included in the package and that he was an advocate for PPO

B. Approval of the 2011-2012 Funders' Consortium Grants.

Supervisor Campos explained that the vote on the Funders Consortium Grant issues will be tabled until the next meeting.

Supervisor Campos suggested the Trustee's should put together a sub-committee to recommendations.

Delores Hicks was in agreement. The sub-committee is to meet on August 3, 2011

Mr. Moore was also in agreement with Supervisor Campos' proposal.

Bill Catching agreed to sit on the committee this year but with out commitment for next year.

Mr. Catching explained his past experiences with the Funders Consortium, the pros and cons and the purposes of the consortium.

Mr. Moore explained that he would make his recommendations, noting that past Funder participants were to three (3) primary organizations, and suggested that the process should be opened up.

Mr. Shoemaker remarked that the organizations that get the funding should not be a duplication of services that are provided by the Township.

Ms. Hicks noted that the applications for the grants have been in for a long time, and questioned why the delay in any decisions.

Supervisor Campos stated that the applications have been in since January, 2011, and that they should have been considered earlier. Seven months have passed and consideration of them should be more expeditious.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Supervisor Campos explained that the news article in Sunday's paper (7/24/11) was misleading and she provided a correction explaining that all of the Claim St. victims were assisted.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 2, 2011, Aurora Township will host "National Night Out" at the Township Youth Center - 4:00-7:00 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

X. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, August 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.


Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk