

**AURORA TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY**  
**AURORA, ILLINOIS**  
**Date: August 25, 2011**  
**Time: 4:00 p.m.**  
**AMENDED MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

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, August 25, 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 August 11, 2011.**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **August 11, 2011** was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to amend to correct amounts recorded for Township and Road District Bills by adding \$94.50 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. 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 \$67, 888.83 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$14, 798.24 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$8, 165.59 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$9, 063.34 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching  
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, 687.36 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks.  
Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

#### IV. REPORTS

##### 1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report. Please see attachment.

Mr. Offutt's report was essentially the same as his written report, stating that his office has completed revaluating approximately 86.10% of the Aurora Township parcels for 2011 taxes payable in 2012.

Mr. Offutt also stated that the bills presented are typical of the expenses incurred during the general operations of his office.

Additionally, Mr. Offutt pointed out that the carpet at the Assessor's office needs to be removed, examined and addressed for safety reasons, both for employees and taxpayers.

Edwin Trinta, Township Attorney, noted for workers Comp reasons, the carpet issue needs to be addressed to lessen liability.

Trustee Hicks advised that the carpet needs to be replaced, not patched up.

Mr. Moore stated that the carpet issue needs to be put on the agenda (for the next meeting, Sept. 8, 2011) to discuss a suitable resolution.

Mr. Semmler suggested that before the next meeting the Trustees should check costs issues.

Trustee Delores Hicks moved for the board to retire to Executive Session prior to adjournment. Motion was seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. Roll Call vote, all Trustees voting Yes.

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

John Shoemaker related that we had large weather events recently that have caused delay in department projects; patching and landscaping. Mr. Shoemaker stated that his department was 1 day away from completion at Parkside.

Mr. Shoemaker further stated that the drainage problems for both Oakview and Parkside have been in existence since before this Commissioner's term.

Both projects will now have an outlet. The neighbors have assessed in the completion of the project.

Mr. Shoemaker also advised that the resignation of one of his employees will hopefully be replaced by one of his temps.

## **3. Code Enforcement**

See Report by Hector Benavidez.

Mr. Benavidez presented a two (2) page print-out of pending cases relating to tall grass, junk trash and noxious weeds, for the period ending August 24, 2011. The report also listed seven (7) properties coming into compliance: 1223 S. Union St., 1137 Maple St., 1448 Exposition Ave., 506 S. Gladstone Ave., 1552 Exposition Ave., 662 S. Gladstone, and 3565 E. New York St. The report also discussed Lawn Crew statuses considering the recent rain fall, the crews were staying busy and were down to 10 days between cuts.

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

Christina Campos provided a 4 page print-out of general assistance and emergency assistance relief for July 2011. See attached.

Supervisor Campos also reported that the Ride in Kane program had received 40 new clients.

A financial report from the Comptroller was received and is attached.

Supervisor Campos reported that the roof at the Youth Center was completed and now the work will move to the inside of the building.

Supervisor Campos also explained proposal's for completion from B.J. Wolf and Son's, and presented a print-out on the proposals.

Mr. Moore moved to table consideration of the proposals for completion of the construction work at the Youth Center. Motion was seconded by Bill Catching.

Commissioner Shoemaker commented that for the money involved, (the amount shown), there was no need for Trustees approval.

Supervisor Campos stated that consideration of the proposals will be tabled for the next meeting.

Mark Semmler personally observed the leakage at the Youth Center and wants an expedited approval to get the work done timely.

Mr. Moore explained that he has no objection to expediting the work, but his objection is not to be blind-sided without seeing the necessity for the work before voting on it. He will withhold his tabling motion.

Hector Benavidez commented on the leaking roof and conditions at the Youth Center. Mr. Shoemaker commented on the prevailing wage act and its importance to the bids for the work at the Youth Center, and how it may impact bids for the job.

Hector Benavidez explained the need for the work and observed that for all the bidders only two (2) bids were received.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Peggy Hicks, Bd. Member for the Afro American Men of Unity expressed concern regarding the award of the \$2,000 grant awarded the org and divided into 4 payments of \$500 each. She explained the recitals submitted for the grant and questioned why a contractual agreement for four (4) payments were required for AAMOU, when such contracts were not required for others receiving grants.

Ricky Rodgers, Exec. Dir. of AAMOU explained the need for the grant money to be paid in advance, because of associated costs and feeding relating to the programs services. Mr. Rodgers wants to amend the contract to provide for advanced payment to accommodate services.

Supervisor Campos explained the all grant recipients receive installment payments throughout the year, and this arrangement has never been a problem with recipients.

Mr. Rodgers does not object to installment payments but would like to see the payments reduced from 4 payments to 2 payments.

Mr. Shoemaker explained that he would like something that was measurable. Stating that this board does not ask for explanations on who receive grants or where the money goes.

Delores Hicks commented that everything was provided in January. Large amounts of grants do not require such explanation and to require it from smaller organizations was suspicious.

Mr. Rodgers presented a "Program Outcome Model" which covered a period from July 1, 2010 through 2011, consisting of two (2) pages, out-lining the entire concept of the program and explained it. For the budget involved the Org provided a great deal of services, and the payments involved are insignificant in relation to their costs.

David Moore explained that once the vote to approve the grant was made, he believed that a check would be cut for the full amount instead of installments.

Delores Hicks explained that this was out first experience in the instant situation. In the past the Trustee's did not know of the payments relating to the grants. She believed people were paid in a one lump payment.

Bill Catching explained the necessity for quarterly or monthly payments (at least as it related to United Way grants) was to see to the continuation of the program, and to provide a check and balance for the work done.

Peggy Hicks found disparity in the amounts of money.

Supervisor Campos stated that the Org will be paid in two (2) payments.

## **VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

TOI (Township Officials of Illinois) Annual Education Conference, Nov. 6-8, 2011 in Springfield, IL. Reservations must be submitted by August 31, 2011.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

A motion was made by Christina Campos to reconvene to regular session and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice Vote). Executive Session adjourned at 5:53.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Delores Hicks. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

## **X. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, September 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted.

  
Herbert Hill  
Aurora Township Clerk