

STATE OF ILLINOIS)  
COUNTY OF KANE) SS  
TOWN OF AURORA)

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

A meeting of the Aurora Township Board of Trustees was held at the Aurora Township office, 80 North Broadway, Aurora, Illinois at 4:31 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2009. 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 lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Campos asked for a motion to be made to nominate Suely Ann Cabral as Clerk Pro-Tem. A motion to nominate Suely Ann Cabral as Clerk Pro-Tem was made by Trustee Silva with a second by Dolores Hicks.

The motion carried. (voice vote)

Clerk Pro-Tem, Suely Cabral did the roll call with the following members present: Trustee Moore present Trustee Silva present Supervisor Campos present  
Trustee Hicks present Trustee Catching present  
Highway Commissioner, John Shoemaker and Assessor Davis Offutt were also in attendance.

**Public Present:** please see attachment.

Clerk-Pro-Tem and Public Notary, Cabral preformed the Swearing in of the Oath of Office for Aurora Township Cletrk to Mr. Needam.

Supervisor Campos asked to go into Executive Session for Legal Council. Trustee Catching moved to make a motion to amend the agenda after roll call and establish a quorum for the purposes to consider the appointment / employment of legal council for Aurora Township with a second by Trustee Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

Trustee Catching Yes Trustee Hicks Yes  
Supervisor Campos Yes Trustee Silva Yes Trustee Moore Yes

The motion to go into Executive Session was carried and Supervisor Campos asked those in attendance to please step out of the Conference Room. The board went into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m.

The board returned back into regular session at 4:40 p.m.

Supervisor Campos made a motion that effectively from July 15, 2009 through October 22, 2009 that they had hired Hogan - Marren as legal council to represent Aurora Township for legal issues that needed to be addressed immediately.

The motion to approve Hogan-Marren legal council representation for Aurora Township from July 15, 2009 through October 22, 2009 was made by Trustee Moore and seconded by Trustee Hicks.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2009**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday September 10, 2009, was made by Trustee Hicks with a second by Trustee Hicks.

**III. APPROVAL AND / OR AUDIT OF TOWNSHIP AND ROAD AND BRIDGE BILLS**

A motion to approve the Town Bills in the amount of \$54,764.71 was made by Trustee Catching with a second by Trustee Moore.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$5,050.19 was made by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the General Assistance bills in the amount of \$8,024.84 was made by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the Mental Health bill in the amount of \$293,594.84 was made by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Hicks.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the IMRF bill in the amount of \$5,370.89 was made by Monica Silva and seconded by Bill Catching.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the Social Security bill in the amount of \$4,377.01 was made by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road & Bridge Social Security bill in the amount of \$765.49 was made by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the R&B IMRF bill in the amount of \$1,142.64 was made by Trustee Silva and seconded by Trustee Moore.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

#### **IV. (A.) REPORTS**

##### **1. Assessor Report: Davis Offutt**

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

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

A.) Highway Commissioner John Shoemaker reported that they had an interesting run-in with the Sheriffs department. Illegal drugs were found on one of township properties.

B.) The Sherriff called him on Tuesday because they had a problem with bees coming out of the right of way, out of the ground, there was an 8 yr. old stung multiple times including his mother. We handled it and I would like to thank Mr. Harry Patterson who is a resident of Aurora Township. He came out and took care of it immediately.

C.) I attended a De-icing seminar today and hopefully we can find creative way to save money and use less salt. He said that he loves the fish in the river and hates to see that we pour salt in like we do. There is a reason our river doesn't recover as much as it is. He found out that one tablespoon of salt in five gallons of water is inhabitable for fish. He is looking at creative ways to change this while still saving money.

D.) We've entered into a Plowing Agreement with Aurora and are presently working with North Aurora.

E.) Monday or Tuesday there will be an over spray program that we are initiating for the first time called GSB-88, it is a Micro-Re-surfacer which saves \$10.00 per square yard on re-surfacing services. We are going to re-surface Eastern Ave. we have decided to take the streets that we have resurfaced completely over the last four seasons from 2008, 07, 06, and 05. We're going to do one road from each year so that we can measure them. There will be two roads from 2008 done as we have two different contractors. We will have measureable data that will show if we are getting a better deal or are we getting a better service from one or the other.

##### **3. Sherriff's Report:**

Supervisor Campos said that a representative from the Sherriff's department was not available today. Supervisor Campos said that she would share what is going on here at Aurora Township, our General Assistance Case Manager and two of the Delinquency Prevention Specialists from the Youth Center will be attending the Community Resource Team (CRT) Fair on Oct. 18, 2009. There will be a variety of attendants this event to promote the services that they provide.

##### **4. Youth Report: Justine Bennett**

Ms. Bennett shared that last week there were two events in down town Aurora. We were represented very positive. Books were distributed to the children at the "Fiesta de Luces," the Aztec Dancers did a fabulous job at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Aurora Latin American Club. Also, this Saturday at Phillips Park they will host a "Fall Festival" and the Aztec Dancers will perform again. It will be a free event so feel free to attend. On Oct. 10, 2009 we will host our first Aurora Township Hispanic Heritage Event.

The delinquent prevention program is getting some very positive feedback from parents. About 40 teens are being served; they are calling to tell her that they are seeing a difference in school and at home.

Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts will be implementing a new program at the Youth Center. Basketball season has started and the Gym will be put to use. Trustee Hicks can probably share a little bit about the Senior Savvy Computer Class. Participants are very excited and attendance is growing. Homework Club is doing well and is growing as well.

Trustee Silva asked if there is or if we can put something in place to have positive results from programs to support grant applications.

Supervisor Campos said that she will follow up with Ms. Bennett on this.

Supervisor Campos said that on October 24, 2009 the auditors will be here to do an audit.

On a positive note, Supervisor Campos also shared that Mr. Wenceslao Maravilla received an award from Chicago Fire being recognized for being a positive role model in the community.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Campos asked the Trustee if they had an announcement. Highway Commissioner Shoemaker said that the Fall Brush pick-up will take place on October 19, 2009. If it is not out on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> it will not get picked up and the resident will be fined. Everyone will receive a mailer to alert all houses for the unincorporated area only. The letter will direct residents to a website for more information.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Campos asked everyone to please state their name and address if they would like to be addressed and told the audience that their opinion is valued.

Archie Needam of 961 Trask Rd. in Aurora expressed his gratitude to the board for voting for him as the next township clerk. He also thanked Brian and Hortencia.

Mary Borneman of 224 Georganna, Yorkville said that she has a question regarding the FOIA that she submitted in regards to the Lawn and Seasonal Chore Program; her question is for the trustees that according to the documents that she received or that she was able to look at she did not think that any of those employees were youth, high school or college students that were employed for that program. So her question would just be that in the grant that was received from the city that it does say that the program also doubles as a youth employment and training program as it provides summer jobs for several high school and college youth. In addition, she wanted to make sure that the Trustees were aware that,

were there youth that were hired for summer lawn mowing jobs. She said that perhaps she did not have all of the information and just wanted to make sure that the Trustees were informed.

Mary Borneman of 224 Georganna, Yorkville requested a copy of the Minutes from August. They were only able to come up with the minutes of the August 27<sup>th</sup> and were not able to find the others. The most recent ones that are posted on the website are from June.

Maria DeLeon of Bristol asked about contact information for the Aztec Dancers. Supervisor Campos responded that at this time only comments could be made and was not able to address her question at this time.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Trustee Catching and seconded by Trustee Moore. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.  
Motion carried. (voice vote)

Respectfully submitted, Suely Ann Cabral.

Suely Ann Cabral  
**Clerk Pro-Tem**