

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS

Date: SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

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, and Illinois at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2012. 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 called the roll with the following Board of Trustees members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and Mark Semmler also Commissioner John Shoemaker and Staff present: Vickie Marques.

Public Present: Please see attached.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF September 13, 2012.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **September 13, 2012** 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 by Supervisor Campos to add "Quill Office Supply billing in the amount of \$84.91 to Town bills, seconded by Bill Catching was made and carried. (Voice vote)

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$28,537.89 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion by Supervisor Campos to add Teamsters billing in the amount of \$7,900.00 to Road District bills, seconded by Bill Catching was made and carried. (Voice vote)

A motion to approve the **Road and Bridge Bills** in the amount of \$400,721.96 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **General Assistance Bills** in the amount of \$22,104.05 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **Mental Health Fund Bills** in the amount of \$296,489.92 was made by Christina Campos, and seconded by Mark Semmler. Motion carried. (Voice vote)

A motion to approve **the COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$10,202.49 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 \$6,097.49 was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **JOINT BRIDGE BILLS** in the amount of \$108.43 was made by Christina Campos with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Assessor's Report

Mr. Offutt submitted a written report consisting of four (4) pages. Please see attachment. Mr. Offutt also explained the essence of the report containing the current total of all assessment complaints for all Kane County Townships as of September 25, 2012. Mr. Offutt explained that the last day for filing complaints is September 27, 2012.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

John Shoemaker reported that his department had finished paving. Mr. Shoemaker also reported that the first Federal audit for the bridgework had passed, and will move forward toward finishing.

Mr. Shoemaker further reported that the clean-up work and patching with the new equipment was going well and looks good.

3. Code Enforcement Officer's Report

See attached three (3) pages written report by Mr. Hector Benavides.

4. Supervisor's Report

Supervisor Campos presented written "Ride-in Kane" and August 2012 general assistance information.

5. Committee Reports: Seniors

Delores Hicks reported that on October 9, 2012 a "Bean Bag" event at the Prisco Center would begin from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

October 19, 2012 – Recognition for Seniors at Elgin Senior Services Office. 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and Discussion of Roof Repairs at Youth Center / and Rental Agreement

(A) Supervisor Campos explained that she spoke to Kevin Ream to confirm the repair work and the materials needed.

She explained that Mr. Ream would be present at the next board meeting (October 11, 2012) for explanations, if necessary.

Mr. Semmler added additional information on the ultimate decision.

(B) Supervisor Campos explained that the proposed rental packets contain sample rental agreements from other cities. Information is provided for comparison purposes.

Ms. Campos also spoke to TORIMA regarding the proposed rental agreement, and was advised that TORIMA would need to see the agreement before the board votes its approval to confirm its content.

Ms. Campos also explained that certificate insurance might also be included in the proposal

Delores Hicks discussed the 2007 proposal (presented to that board) and noted that it was never initiated. Wonders why?

Christina Campos opens the issue for discussion.

Delores Hicks stated that she does not agree with the charging of fees, stating that this issue was not suggested in the previous proposal. Why now?

Supervisor Campos offers discussion on the issue.

Delores Hicks stated that she does not think the fee issue is fair at this time.

Bill Catching questioned whether the pass proposal was ever approved. Mr. Catching does not agree with the fee charge for "Not for Profit" organizations in the use of the Youth center, however he is agreement with the liability issues.

It was suggested that par's 18 & 22 be withheld at the present time and that a "right of refusal" clause should be included in the proposal.

David Moore agrees with the Trustees regarding the liability and indemnity issues, and questioned what have we been doing in the past.

Mr. Moore moved to amend the resolution and seek atty. Input on the liability issues and other new issues. The motion, more specifically, is to remove the proposal from consideration at present since the previous board did not approve it and see's no need to change concepts.

Delores Hicks noted that St. Charles is a larger area and is distinguishable from issues at Aurora Township.

David Moore recognizes the economic demographics of different Townships are in play for fee proposals, and notes that taxpayers have previously paid for services and should not be taxed again

Atty. Edwin Trinta discussed the right of the Township to charge, having researched the issue and confirmed the Townships prerogative. Mr. Trinta also suggested rules for use of the Center with Justine Kopytov even if the proposal is not passed.

Delores Hicks believes that organizations looking to utilize the facilities at the Youth Center should have insurance in place.

Bill Catching observed that the present proposal has no suggestions regarding insurance.

Mr. David Moore points out the insurance issue on the last page, and offers additional discussion on the necessity for it and prospects of liability.

Christina Campos discussed waiving rental fees or a security deposit. Possibly removing par.#4.

Bill Catching suggested waiving all fees for "Not for Profits".

Delores Hicks asked if organizations seeking use of the facility have insurance in place or liability waiver forms.

Ricky Rogers (AAMU) observed that no other city requires resolution of these issues in the form of liability and/or insurance vouchers for usage of their facilities.

David Moore asked Mr. Rogers for was his schedule for the usage of the Center and what is in place to take responsibility for its usage.

Mr. Rogers stated that the group supervises its own usage, and the Township also provides some over cite for usage.

Mr. Moore stated that there should be no issue for normal usage presently until the issue of a rental is resolved.

Christina Campos agrees as it relates to organizations and groups already using the facility.

Ms. Campos suggested revising the present proposal for review at the next board meeting (Oct. 11, 2012), and will check to see if the past resolution was passed by the board.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding compensation for Township officials (2013-2017).

Trustee Moore and Semmler to serve on committee to consider compensation.

Discussion regarding salaries will be left to the next board meeting.

Mr. Moore stated that in his opinion no raises for incoming elected officials should be made.

Mr. Semmler stated that the issue would be resolved at the October 25, 2012 board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Antoinette Seibert commented on a neighbor making various complaints to police, city and Township re: continuous problems and unresolved neighborhood issues creating a general nuisance. What can we do?

Supervisor Campos acknowledged the problem.

Delores Hicks advised that she should file a complaint with the police dept.

Mr. Semmler asked if Ms. Seibert has called the sheriff?

Christina Campos stated that she would follow up a citizen's complaint on these issues.

David Moore stated that perhaps the Kane County State's Attorney's office could offer some legal direction.

Mr. Randy Ryder suggested language for the proposed rental agreement at the Youth Center, asking if there could be some language for all organizations to show some responsibility for usage. Could there be a parental waiver included in the usage to resolve liability to the Township rather than tax each organization.

Delores Hicks observed that if a million dollar policy were in place, a lot of smaller organizations would be unable to participate.

A hold harmless provision for parents to sign could be put in place rather than a million dollar policy of insurance.

Fox Valley and the Park District do not require liability insurance for usage of its facilities.

Bill Catching recognizes the present protection that insurance provides and provides protection for both parties.

Ricky Rogers recognizes the sensitivity everyone is showing, and states that at every avenue of usage other organizations have provided a certificate of insurance in the usage of their facilities.

David Moore stated that problem was initiated from a request by AAMU to extend the time for usage by ½ hr. Mr. Moore believes that the problem could have been resolved by discussion with the directors without involvement with the board.

Robert Lindu – cemetery operator stated the cemetery (West Aurora Historic Cemetery) is not full, is a small cemetery and is in need of assistance to continue operation. Mr. Lindu explained the historical significance of the cemetery (some grave cites date back to the Civil War).

Mr. Lindu sought funding from the Township.

Eva Rodgers asked if senior services would be affected by the rental proposal.
Delores Hicks responded – no

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Catching and seconded by Christina Campos to go into Executive Session. Motion carried (Roll Call, all Trustees voting YES), and the Meeting adjourned at 5:41p.m.

A motion to reconvene to regular meeting was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote). Meeting reconvened at 7:28 pm.

A motion to adjourn regular meeting was made by Christina Campos and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote). Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

VII. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, October 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m., at the Aurora Township Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill

Aurora Township Clerk