

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

MINUTES OF January 11, 2007

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 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Notice was sent to all members of the Board as required by statute. Aurora Township Trustee John Shoemaker called the meeting to order. Trustee Shoemaker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aurora Township Clerk Juan Thomas was absent. A motion was made by Monica Silva and seconded by Christina Fonseca that Suely Ann Cabral be appointed clerk pro-tem.

The motion carried. (voice vote)

Suely Cabral did the roll call with the following members present: Christina Fonseca, John Shoemaker, Monica Silva and James Murphy (arrived at 4:10 p.m.) Juan Thomas Town Clerk and Aurora Township Trustee Annie Craig were absent. Also present was Highway Commissioner, Fred Burgess, Clarence Robinson, Brian Pollack, Aurora Township Youth Director Tom Rowe, Sergeant Tom Rosebush and Lieutenant Kevin Stutz from the Kane County Sheriff's Department.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF DECEMBER 28, 2006.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday December 28, 2006, was made by John Shoemaker with a second by Christina Fonseca.

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 \$50,816.93 was made by Monica Silva with a second by John Shoemaker.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road and Bridge bills in the amount of \$11,337.24 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the General Assistance bills in the amount of \$42,40.40 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Christina Fonseca.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the IMRF bill in the amount of \$4,572.09 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to approve the Social Security bill in the amount of \$3,953.70 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the Road & Bridge Social Security bill in the amount of \$660.11 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

A motion to audit the R&B IMRF bill in the amount of \$859.37 was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Monica Silva.

Motion carried. (voice vote)

IV. REPORTS

1. Road & Bridge Report: Fred Burgess

- a. Mr. Burgess said that Kane County is accepting disposal of electronics Friday January 12, 2007 and they will be transported to the recycling location on Saturday.
- b. Mr. Burgess has applied for a grant from the Elgin riverboat gambling funds. He said that a mile and $\frac{3}{4}$ of road can be improved with the budget.
- c. An engineering analysis was done by an engineer in 2001 to assess the priorities as to what township roads are in the worst shape.
- d. He said that various streets (Whitlock, Garden, Pleasure View and Lindenwood and a couple of streets on the south east side are subject to funds.
- e. There are still drainage problems in the Leigh subdivision that need to be addressed.
- f. There was some discussion on the problems at Plain Ave. Supervisor Murphy asked Mr. Burgess if it is possible to implement a permanent road tax at one location. Mr. Burgess responded that it has to be done countywide. He said that 1 cent per resident would probably generate approximately One and a half million dollars for roads.

2. **Assessor Report: Davis Offutt** submitted a written report.

Deputy Assessor Theresa Salazar's home burned down. Donations are being accepted at the Assessor's Office for her family. For more information please call 630-896-7792.

3. **Youth Report. Tom Rowe:** A written youth report was submitted to the Board. Mr. Rowe said that the children's Christmas Party was well attended and thanked all who helped out.

Trustee Fonseca asked a question regarding what grants Aisha Payne has applied for. Mr. Rowe responded that she has applied for Weed & Seed and other various grants.

Aurora Township Youth Center staff member, Ben Maravilla has nominated co-worker Ms. Vickie Marquez for the Pete Perez Award. She has done quite a bit for the youth at the Youth Center.

Clarence Robinson said that the Senior Christmas Dinner was well attended. Approximately 519 meals were served.

4. **Supervisor's Report: James R. Murphy**

All board members received STATS from Dial – A – Ride. A total of 33,320 one-way rides were provided in 2006. He said that there is an increase in rides and a decrease in the amount of donations. As of January 1, 2007 the fee of \$1.00 one way was increased to \$1.50 one way.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor, James R. Murphy:

1. Mr. Murphy announced that Mr. Rowe was appointed Director of Aurora Township Youth Center and is no longer interim Director. He was offered and accepted the position effective January 1, 2007. Mr. Murphy said that he has received many positive comments from the public and Mr. Rowe brings with him much experience working with youth in the community.
2. The Board agreed to address agenda item 2, Executive Session – Pending Litigation, after a presentation by Kane County Sheriff personnel.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Sergeant Tom Rosebush from the Kane County Sheriff's Department was here to introduce his replacement Lieutenant Kevin Stutz. Sgt. Rosebush said that the Weed & Seed projects are done. He said that they conducted between 7-8 neighborhood clean-ups. Some were Hill Ave. Mitchell and Koenen they got rid of continuous tall weeds by replacing with pine trees and mulch. He also said that funding is in for 2007 and he would like to do more landscaping. He will continue to be the Chairman of Weed & Seed. He said that some of the work at the Sheriff's Department has been consolidated and the work of 2 people will be done by one person. Lieutenant Stutz will be the officer for nuisance complaints and deal with property owners. Lt. Stutz can be reached at the same number and same address which is the Farnsworth sub-station. Sgt. Rosebush said that they will still continue community policing. He will try to be involved as much as possible. If he finds a problem he will refer it to the deputies.

Lt. Stutz said that he is an Aurora resident and that previously, he worked in the juvenile division for 7 years. He is very willing to work with everyone. His office will be at the Sheriff's Department. Lt. Stutz will contact Aurora Township Code Enforcement Officer Hector Benavides when necessary.

There was some discussion regarding graffiti. It was determined at this point that it is the responsibility of the property owner to clean it up. Aurora

Township ordinance does not address it specifically. Supervisor Murphy said that it will be addressed at the annual meeting and that a section on graffiti may be added to the nuisance ordinance by the electors at the annual meeting.

There was also some discussion on County Board ordinance regarding building occupancy and building dilapidation. Specifically, a house on the SW corner of Simms and Farnsworth Ave. that has holes in the roof.

There was also some discussion on current housing codes. Mr. Murphy said that he and Code Enforcement Officer Benavides will be attending a county board task force meeting on January 16, 2007 regarding property standards.

Supervisor Murphy thanked Sgt. Rosebush and Lt. Stutz for attending the meeting.

Board members will go into Executive Session for pending litigation near the conclusion of the meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Aurora Township Trustee John Shoemaker requested a moment of silence in honor of former Kane County Board member, Mary Richards who passed away. Funeral services will be this Saturday at Holy Angels Church.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive session to discuss pending litigation was made by John Shoemaker and seconded by Christina Fonseca at 5:08 p.m. The Board returned to regular session at 5:24 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made by Monica Silva and seconded by John Shoemaker. The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.
Motion carried. (voice vote)

Respectfully, submitted Suely Ann Cabral.



Suely Ann Cabral
Clerk Pro-Tem