

AURORA TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAIN OFFICES: 80 N. BROADWAY
AURORA, ILLINOIS
Date: February 9, 2012
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, February 9, 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 did the roll call with the following members present: Bill Catching, Delores Hicks, Christina Campos, David Moore, and John Shoemaker

Public Present: Please see attached.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF January 26, 2012.

A motion to approve the Minutes of the **regular meeting** held on Thursday **January 26, 2012** was made by Delores Hicks and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried, subject to amendment. (Voice Vote)

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

A motion to approve **the Town Bills** in the amount of \$91, 605.85 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 \$39, 976.81 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 \$6, 713.43 was made by David Moore with a second by Delores Hicks. Motion carried. (Voice Vote)

A motion to approve the **COMBINED IMRF BILL** and the **R&B IMRF Bill** in the amount of \$9, 960.35 was made by David Moore 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 \$5, 714.16 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 attachment. Additionally, Mr. Offutt reported that the board of review hearings will continue through February 16, 2012.

Mr. Offutt also reported that the tax bills may not be out on time, however, taxpayers will have an additional period to pay.

2. Highway Commissioner's Report

Mr. Shoemaker reported that we may be donating salt to Kane County. Mr Shoemaker reported that we ordered the same amount of salt, and may be hit with \$6000 in extra costs. Space is a problem to accommodate the salt.

Mr. Shoemaker reported that the new truck is functional but is not working great. The oil; light sensor is off and is back in the shop.

Otherwise the department is trimming trees and picking up garbage. Bridge work is to begin the 1st week in March.

3. Youth Services Director's Report

Justine Bennett submitted a written report. See written report attached. Additionally, Ms. Bennett reported that the intern from Aurora Univ. is finishing up in May (2012), and another one is expected next fall.

The current intern, with the supervision of Elizabeth Sidenbender, working with "troubled teens", has implemented a "girl's group". See report.

Ms. Bennett explained that the staff members were working "all month" with the kids to create Valentine's Day cards. The kids created handmade cards for veterans and seniors at Walden Garden. See report.

4. Committee Reports: Inc Board

Trustee David Moore presented to the board a written synopsis of his participation, as a member of the Inc Board (708 Mental Health Board) at its meeting on January 30, 2012. As this was the first meeting by Mr. Moore, he was impressed with the services for mental health.

Mr. Moore noted that the Board has provided mental health support and services for more than 40 years. Mr. Moore was intrigued with the prospect of bringing additional child psychiatric services into the community, and providing transportation for residents to receive services.

5. Committee Report: Youth Services

Trustee Mark Semmler concurred with the report of Justine Bennett.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. John Shoemaker, reporting on his requested investigation of the "Ride-in-Kane program", submitted an itemization requesting additional information before finalizing the Highway Departments report for the Township Board.

Mr. Shoemaker submitted a "packet" of information for the Trustee's review and study for a suggested discussion for future board meetings. Mr. Shoemaker welcomed impute and suggestions from Trustee members.

Trustee Hicks discussed environmental issues in location.

Mr. Shoemaker thinks the work is still in Aurora Township and does not present an issue environmentally.

Mr. Shoemaker does not think the work would require more employees.

Christina Campos submitted a letter to Mr. Shoemaker and also had discussion with Mr. Shoemaker stating that the report is the Trustee's prerogative not the Highway's issue.

Mr. Moore questioned how PACE is intergrated with Ride-in-Kane, and a discussion was had with Supervisor Campos.

Jason related that the contract is April/may with PACE. (Lease expires 5/31/12). Dolan and Murphy will make a short term commitment for their agreement.

Mr. Shoemaker presented the contract to the Board for consideration and any problems should be considered and explored by the Trustees.

Supervisor Campos stated that we will continue to talk to resolve all outstanding issues.

Trustee Catching wants specific data to resolve the issues. He questions whether the move is convenient or inconvenient. If we can save money by using the present facility, instead of simply moving to a different location, why do it.

Supervisor Campos believes that consideration must be given to the community's needs; PACE, Ride-in-Kane, Dialysis issues etc.

Trustee Hicks suggested a date in mind for a plan.

Mr. Shoemaker references page 4, storage for PACE vehicles.
The Highway Dept. will make no recommendations. The problem is all the Boards decision.

Mr. Moore questions whether the proposed move involves change in personel and how it would affect them.

Mr. Moore is sensative to personel changes.

Catching: all we need to do is figure out a time for a decision.

Supervisor Campos believes that many other issues need to be discussed and researched. Maybe the 1st meeting in May (May 10, 2012) for a decision.

Supervisor Campos would delay a decision now and would require research and investigation before issues can be resolved.

Atty. Trinta questions the issues outlined by the proposal. Does the Board know what the issues are? Is there a concrete proposal?

Trustee Catching suggests that what Mr. Shoemaker and Ms. Campos should decide is what changes are needed and what they are, and at what cost.

With consideration for the employee's interests is May 10, 2012 too long. Can we decide something before then?

Supervisor Campos thought April 26, 2012 is possible. We will discuss that with the participants.

B Human Resource Coordinator Position

Sikich reported that 32 applications were received for consideration.

Before

NEW BUSINESS

Christina Campos related that the Highway Departments Building Addition report would be table and placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting on February 6, 2012.

Supervisor Campos also reported the retirement of Stanley Peck from the Montgomery and Countryside Fire Protection District and the recommendation of Tom Krave to fill the vacancy.

A motion to appoint Mr. Krave was made by Bill Catching and seconded by David Moore. Motion carried.
(Voice vote)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peggy Hicks announced two (2) events . Faith Based Meeting at Wesley Methodist Church from 10-12 a.m. on 2/4/12, and the annual Black History Event on 2/24/12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crisco Community Center.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Campos announced the invitation to bid for the Youth Services bus: bid opening date will be February 9, 2012 during the regular board meeting. Dead line for bids will be February 24, 2012.

Delores Hicks announced that the Senior Advisory board receipts were received for the Aurora Township sponsored Breakfast 1/26/12.

Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board Breakfast 1/27/12.

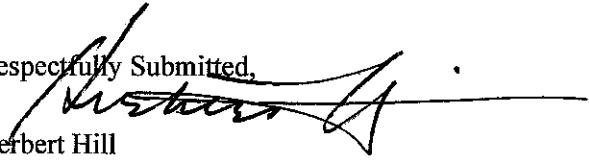
Boys to Men Meeting at Prisco Center 1/29/12.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by David Moore and seconded by Bill Catching. Motion carried (Voice vote), and the Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

IX. NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, February 23, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Herbert Hill
Aurora Township Clerk