

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2020, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

**Board members present:** Ayres, Droscha, Groh, and Silsby.

**Members Absent:** Malcangi

**Others Present:** Randy Maiville, Regina Baker

The regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Silsby at 7:00 p.m. All present joined in the pledge to the United States flag.

**Consent Agenda**

Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2020, were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$47,658.66 covered by vouchers: Payroll Fund: Checks #16919 - #16937 and 1 EFT.

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #16938 - #16965, 1 void and 1 EFT.

Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Ayres to approve consent agenda with invoice #8746 for \$210 to Larry Silsby removed from invoices. Assessor Simmons signed duties agreement stating land splits were to be performed by Assessor. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, and Groh. Nays: Silsby. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

None

**Unfinished Business**

Member Droscha reported Custom Electric has installed crawl space heat.

Member Groh reported only gutters on south east corner of Township Hall and Offices fills with leaves. Groh will get further quote for that end of building.

Member Ayres reported Greenwood sign has been completed and just needs to be picked up and installed.

**New Business**

Member Ayres presented the township insurance contract with Decker Agency with a slight increase over last year. Motion made by Ayres to approve payment and seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

All present agreed budget meeting will be on March 31, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Lawncare bid awarded to Appletree Lawn Care. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Silsby. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Groh discussed newsletter and suggested sending and paying for it in new fiscal year. Groh will present more information at April board meeting.

Member Ayres shared a letter Secretary Droscha sent to the board requesting a pay increase. Request will be considered at budget meeting. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Groh to postpone decision. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Calls for tax information with BS&A not online have increased. Member Groh motioned to approve turning the service back on. Member Droscha seconded. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Ayres presented the Mosquito Squad contract renewal with no increase over previous year. Motion made by Member Silsby and seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Resident, Regina Baker asked the board to consider a resolution for a charitable gaming license to raise funds for 4H group shooting sports events through a bingo at the VFW in Mason. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Ayres to approve resolution. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Ayres gave the fire report from Fire Chief Minshall.

Member Ayres shared a fire bill overdue for Aaron Harrison for \$651. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Silsby to approve collection action. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Members Ayres and Silsby shared correspondence from WOW, Ingham Health Plan, and comcast.

Member Ayres discussed the process for obtaining a third election tabulator for processing absent voter ballots only. The state has grant money available for a 50% grant. Ayres motioned to approved entering an agreement with the State of Michigan for grant money and was seconded by Member Groh. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission held hearing for ordinance amendment to correct Zoning Board of Appeals Membership error. Member Silsby said nothing happened at meeting.

Member Silsby was asked about vacancies on Planning Commission. He reported getting an email from Lori Pfof asking for more information and hasn't heard anything further. Member Groh asked about the other five names sent to him for consideration. Member Silsby stated he would like Township Board of Trustees to fill vacancies.

Member Groh presented a Land Division Fee Resolution draft. Questions were asked of Member Silsby regarding the processing and receipting of payments for land splits and combines. Member Droscha motioned to table resolution until further information is received. Member Groh seconded. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

**Board Reports**

Supervisor Silsby had no report.

Clerk Ayres gave the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election report and provided the Balance Sheet Report. Revenue and Expense report was presented with recommendations for budget amendments made. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Silsby to approve amendments. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Treasurer Groh gave the Cash Report at \$833,611.50. Groh proposed putting some safety guidelines in place regarding keeping township doors locked. Motion made by Groh and seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Randy Maiville commented on Ingham County millages passing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tracy Ayres, Clerk  
Aurelius Township