

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2024

MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

Board members attending: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz and Malcangi

Members Absent: None

Others Attending: B. Droscha, K. Swift, B. Miller, P. Steinaway, Kyle Rimer, J. Silsby, E. Graf, S. Silsby, L. Silsby, D. Groh, M. Edgar, M. Lam, S. Jansen, and others.

The regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Droscha. All attending joined in the pledge to the United States flag.

Set/Adjust Agenda

Supervisor Droscha requested adding lawn care, electrical inspector, maintenance person, and park custodian to new business and zoning report to unfinished business. Motion by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Waltz to also add inspector fees to new business. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Anderson to approve minutes of March 28, 2024 and invoices as presented. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Payroll: Checks #019097-#019116, and 1 EFT. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #019117 – #019137. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No comment.

Unfinished Business

Zoning report received from B. Droscha. A complaint was received for 42 S. Aurelius keeping sheep in backyard. Mr. Haynes responded to Supervisor D. Droscha's letter stating Haynes has contacted state to remove four acres from PA116 to move ahead with special use permit. 496 N. Waverly has been sent a 30 day letter to start round two of ordinance noncompliance. Property at Columbia and Kingman is being observed for continuing compliance. M. Lam stated he will wait until 30 days has passed to issue citation and will take new pictures at 496 N. Waverly for the magistrate. Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to send violation letter one to 42 S. Aurelius Rd. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business

Judy Silsby and family presented the township with a check in the name of the Larry Silsby Memorial Fund to honor Larry and his contributions to the community. The family was thanked for the gift.

Comcast representative, Ben Miller gave a presentation to the board to further service coverage in Columbia Lakes subdivision and spoke about grant opportunities to cover expansion in the township. No plans to go further into township at his time. All cable will be underground. The plan is to complete project in 2024. Questions from public were allowed by Supervisor. Motion by member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to accept amended agreement. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Droscha reported Apple Tree Lawncare would not be able to keep the lawn contract for 2024 due to health issues. Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Malcangi to approve Peak Landscape to take over the agreement including Glenna Droscha Park grounds keeping for the same fees. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Droscha reported Electrical Inspector, Ryan Osborn has submitted a letter of resignation. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Anderson to accept resignation. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Ken Swift was introduced as a replacement for Electrical Inspection. Mr. Swift stated his qualifications and gave his experience and background. Motion made by Member Ayres and seconded by Member Droscha to appoint Ken Swift Jr. as electrical Inspector. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Malcangi to approve a per inspection rate increase to \$65. Motion was amended to include all inspectors including Code Enforcement. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to accept salary resolutions for Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and Trustee. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Ayres and seconded by Member Waltz to accept pay increases for Sexton at \$3,600, Assessor at \$38,680.95, Election Inspectors at \$17 and \$22.50 for regular and chair people, Deputy Clerk at \$20.44, Deputy Treasurer at \$18.74, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members at \$68.25 and \$73.50 for regular and chair people. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to approve Township Board Meeting Dates resolution. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz to approve agreement with Mason Baseball Softball Club was seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Batting cage construction was discussed and board members requested Mason Baseball and Softball Club coming to future meeting to discuss details.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Droscha to accept Auditor agreement as proposed. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Ayres to accept Five Year Capital Improvement Plan as proposed. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to accept road agreement for two miles of Plains Road shared with Onondaga and one mile of Thurlby Road at \$220,220.00. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor Droscha is watching solar field to see when it is fully functioning. He reported Road Department stating Fowler Cemetery will not require a culvert and ditch can be smoothed out. He will get a bid from Tomco for cemetery driveway and Bob Baker can fill pot holes as needed. Droscha reported Carl Loring is now pouring the cemetery foundations instead of Bob Baker.

Clerk Ayres provided balance sheet.

Treasurer Anderson provided cash report.

No Trustee reports.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

Supervisor Droscha called for adjournment at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Ayres, Township Clerk