

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2024**

**MINUTES**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Attending:** J. Robinson, M. Bennett, S. Chatfield, D. Fanson, G. Fanson, S. Shroyer, P. Ainslie, J. Ainslie, K. Malcangi, E. Gehl, J. Gehl, B. Heibert, V. Keith, D. Keith, D. Bergeon, M. Barker, M. Edgar, M. Surato, C. Droscha, C. St. Clair, L. St. Clair, C. Hisson, L. Osborne, L. Gaddie, B. Holland, M. Hall, J. Droscha, C. Walters, J. Walters, M. Shepard, M. Bennett, J. Hayden, C. Herrick, J. Aleo, P. Aleo, E. Droscha 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 a prayer to agenda. Motion made by Member Ayres and second by Member Malcangi to set agenda. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda**

Member Waltz requested an addition to the previous minutes for Lynn Osborne to continue through remaining term. Motion made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Waltz to approve minutes of July 9, 2024 and invoices as presented. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Payroll: Checks #019262-#019275, and 1 EFT. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #019276 – #019301 Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Comments were reserved for hearing.

**Unfinished Business**

B. Droscha reported stopping at property at intersection of Kingman Rd. and Columbia Rd. and noted digging. He reported the digging to the drain commission.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Malcangi for M. Lam to serve Mr. Dove with summons. Member Waltz amended motion to include compensation for visit and milage for M. Lam for this one time only. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

**New Business**

Consultant, N. Mehmed, gave the Five Year Park Plan update concerning the township survey. Goals and objective will be discussed in the next township meeting. The DNR

requires an accessibility assessment to be completed and facilities are considered acceptable for age of facilities. A draft copy will be provided to post on website.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Anderson to approve resolution to adopt master plan. Supervisor Droscha called a roll call vote. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Planning Commission recommended approval of Horvath Tower special use permit at 6287 W. Barnes to the board of trustees. The setback of requirement of 600 feet was waived to allow 537 feet and was approved by township attorney. Motion to approve special use permit made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Pastor Bob Carpenter prayed for township.

Supervisor Droscha opened the Class C Liquor License hearing for Darrell's Market and read the state provided resolution and explained the process. Jamie Robinson of Darrell's Market presented proposed project. Many attendees spoke in favor of project and several spoke in opposition of project. Supervisor read three letters from concerned residents that could not attend. Two were against project and one was for project. Supervisor closed hearing and asked for a motion. Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Malcangi to approve application resolution for class C liquor license. Supervisor Droscha called roll call vote. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: Ayres, and Droscha. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer Anderson presented resolution to reinvest Dart CD by early withdrawal with penalty. Motion by Member Waltz to accept resolution 2024-18 to convert lower CD to higher interest CD. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Anderson presented bids from Rowe Professional Services and Spalding DeDecker Services to prepare site for playground grant project. Motion made by Member Waltz to award bid to Rowe Professional Services and was supported by Member Malcangi. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Anderson presented request to order table with memorial plaque for Larry Silsby with the Larry Silsby Memorial fund as approved by Judy Silsby. Member Malcangi recommended spending the memorial fund on the new park pavilion and Member Anderson stated pavilion was already approved for payment by an Ingham County Trails and Parks grant award that may not be received until 2028. Member Waltz recommended buying two tables with Silsby memorial fund and money he would add and saving shipping cost by him driving to pick up tables in Iowa. Motion made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Malcangi to name the new park pavilion the Larry Silsby Pavilion. 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 proceed on Silsby pavilion. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Waltz wanted to table the table discussion. Member Malcangi wanted to approve quote on pavilion at next meeting.

Member Droscha explained the invoice of Mosquito Squad for four treatments.

Member Droscha requested retro-active pay back to July 18th of \$400 per month for gate closing. Motion by Member Droscha and second by Member Malcangi to approve. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Board Reports**

Supervisor Droscha reported parking lot is still flooding and recommended digging up tile to drain during park project. Lynn Osborne, new Zoning Board member, was introduced.

Clerk provided balance sheet and gave election information.

Treasurer provided cash report.

### **Public Comment**

No further comment.

### **Adjournment**

Supervisor Droscha called for adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tracy Ayres, Township Clerk