AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 14, 2023

MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Malcangi

Others Attending: M. Lam, B. Droscha, S. Jansen

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

Set/Adjust Agenda

Motion made by Member Anderson to add MTA seminar for treasurer and clerk to new business and was seconded by Member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Navs: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Anderson to accept Minutes of October 10, 2023 and invoices as presented. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Payroll: Checks #018885-#018902 and 1 EFT. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #018903 – #018926. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Mike Lam gave code enforcement update. The magistrate gave all four properties in violation a 30 day extension. If no progress is made by end of 30th day then citation will be refiled. Mike is required to take pictures for magistrate a week prior to new hearing. Mike would like board members to determine when property is clean enough. Mike recommended only sending one letter if property fell back into violation prior to issuing a citation.

Bryan Droscha reported working on variance for this month.

Dave Droscha reported property owners in violation with goats have been working with state of Michigan to see if they can meet state requirements for farm status.

New Business

Street light assessment resolution was discussed by treasurer Anderson. Motion made by Member Waltz to accept resolution 2023-26 to increase per parcel assessment by \$2 to \$66 per parcel. Supervisor called roll. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Capital improvement plan resolution to exempt planning commission to annually prepare capital improvement plan was explained by Member Droscha. Member Anderson motioned to accept resolution and Member Waltz seconded motion. Supervisor called roll. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

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Member Anderson explained use of capital improvement plan and park plan to apply for grants.

Williams and Works five year parks and recreation plan bid was reviewed. Member Waltz motioned to accept proposal from Williams and Works to prepare five year parks and recreation plan with option one for community engagement. Member Anderson seconded motion. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Droscha for township board to serve as 5 year park plan working committee. Member Waltz seconded motion. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Motion by Member Waltz to accept MMR ambulance contract with Mason Area. Member Anderson seconded motion. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Droscha stated budget amendments will be reviewed at a later date.

Motion by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Droscha to approve MTA training for treasurer and clerk for \$125 per person at Lansing Community College West. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha, Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Reviewed correspondence from Comcast regarding channel changes, Hamlin Township master plan adoption, letter from state regarding cable franchises, sherriff report and fire department report.

Board Reports

Supervisor Droscha reported solar field is generating and testing is being done. Some topsoil was redistributed and some reserved. Some seeding of field has been done. Member Waltz requested an opportunity to tour field.

Clerk Ayres provided the balance sheet and reported the outcome of the election on November 7, 2023.

Treasurer Anderson provided the cash report and reported giving a presentation to the county parks and recs committee.

Trustee Waltz asked about roundabout development. Supervisor stated no update had been received.

Public Comment

Took public comment from S. Jansen.

Adjournment

Supervisor Droscha called for adjournment at 8:09.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Ayres, Township Clerk