

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**MINUTES**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Attending:** N. Mehmed, P. Wilson, L. Wilson, J. Robertson, R. Niesel, S. Niesel, C Mouton, M. Grabow, M. Lam, B. Droscha,

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

**Set/Adjust Agenda**

Member Malcangi proposed additions of credit cards for office, and trustee pay for educational meetings. Moved to add these additions by Member Waltz and seconded by Droscha to approve additions to agenda. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

L Wilson Made public comment regarding Toles road. She advocated to have that stretch of road be top on the list to use funding for it this year. J Robertson also commented on that stretch of rd. and referenced a missing street sign for Toles/Onondaga needing replacement.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Member Droscha. Member Malcangi moved to support and seconded by Member Walter to approve minutes of December 10th, 2024 Regular Meeting, and invoices totaling \$39,145.86

Payroll: Checks #019563 - #019579. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #019537 – 019561.

**Unfinished Business**

Received zoning report from B. Droscha. 620 Edgar shows cars are plated now, so legally they are covered. Nichols Rd. property now has plated the motorhome. They are cooperating and cleaning up the shed. Our ordinance regarding political signs may be unconstitutional. He is looking into it further regarding a 2015 Supreme court ruling regarding free speech. Bunker Road winery, Stollen Berries LLC, has their paperwork in and he will start moving that forward to pass it off to planning commission to get going in spring.

Received planning report from M. Lam. Discussed Plains Rd. K. Dove has been adjourned until 2/20. Will continue communication regarding follow-up or potential extension. Will be procuring pictures of Kingman property.

### **New Business**

Discussion on baseball tournament on May 9-10. Member Waltz motioned to allow the tournament dates for May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and the use of the Aurelius Township baseball fields/parking/grounds. Member Anderson supported.

Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Member Droscha motioned to get land surveys prior to combining the township's parcels. Provided and discussed bid from Wolverine Engineers and Surveyors for a cost of \$2100.00 Member Anderson supported. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution #2025-01 - N. Mehmed touched on status of 5 year plan for parks/rec where public hearing was held. Public comment was opened up. There was excitement for pickleball courts. Motion was made by member Waltz to accept the Resolution #2025-01 and supported by member Walter. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution #2025-02 – Financial Depositories. Discussion among members on renewing the CD. Agreement that the option presented to renew was the best financial choice. Motion was made by member Malcangi to accept the Resolution #2025-02 and supported by member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Resolution #2025-03 – Poverty Exemption. Discussion among members regarding federal rate. Motion was made by member Waltz to accept the Resolution #2025-03 and supported by member Anderson. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Earned Sick time Accrual Act – Member Walter shared findings regarding new act that will go into effect on 2/21/2025. Further reading and research can be done, but thinks this would affect our two office hourly employees.

IRS mileage rate increase – Member Anderson shared findings from recent MTA email on the rate increase from .67 per mile in 2024, to .70 per mile in 2025. Motion was made by member Waltz to adopt the IRS mileage rate of .70 per mile and supported by member Walter. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Budget meeting dates – Members discussed upcoming dates for budget meetings. Motion was made by member Malcangi to adopt the dates of February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for budget meetings. Supported by member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Budget adjustments – Member Droscha went through account lines and recommended budget adjustments. Motion was made by member Waltz to these budget adjustments as proposed. Supported by member Malcangi. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Post Audit Policy – Member Walter proposed adding this policy, with the verbiage recommended from the MTA 2025 guidelines manual, with a limit of \$1500/mo. Motion was made by member Walter to accept the policy with the set limit proposed. Supported by member Malcangi. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tablets & cases – Member Walter discussed the need and utilization for 2 tablets and use for in field and in office. Also proposed procuring 2 cases to protect tablets as well. Motion was made by member Malcangi to purchase the 2 tablets and cases. Supported by member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Website updates – Member Walter discussed the need to revamp our website. Discussion was had regarding updates and changes, and how it would be an improvement that would impact our community as well to find resources easier. All agreed to start getting pricing options to discuss further for our next meeting and plan into our budget for the upcoming year.

Office credit cards – Member Malcangi discussed his desire to cancel his Visa office card, but that Anderson, Walter, and Droscha should have a card on file. Discussion and agreement was made. Member Malcangi moved to have his card deactivated and to have cards instated for Anderson, Droscha, and Walter. Supported by member Walter. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Educational trainings – Member Malcangi discussed the option of being paid for time when trustees are in attendance for educational trainings. Members had discussion. Motion was made by member Anderson to accept the motion proposed that trustees shall be paid the trustee meeting pay amount for when they attend an educational meeting or training. Supported by member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, Malcangi and Waltz. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Member Malcangi brought up mowing contracts and being open to receiving bids for that for our grounds. Bids should be put in now from applicants.

### **Board Reports**

Supervisor will be meeting with the Ingham County Road Commission to make decision on which road to focus on repairing.

Clerk brought up emails regarding Ingham county schools and Eaton county schools and continuing the opt-in for Aurelius Township. B. Droscha said there will be a vote in fall for Mason School regarding a Bond proposal.

Treasurer working on Dalmac Funds and Passport Grant options.

Trustees report. Malcangi to work on posts at Columbia Creek once the weather gets nice. Waltz discussed looking into extra options for recycling. Our once a month dumpster is over flowing and people are leaving stuff on the ground. Look into two dumpsters, or maybe two Saturdays vs. just one. Member Walter would investigate options.

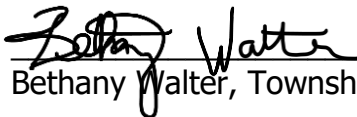
**Public Comment**

B. Droscha spoke in more detail regarding upcoming Mason School Bond

**Adjournment**

Supervisor Droscha called for adjournment at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Bethany Walter, Township Clerk