

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018
MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2018, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

Members Present: Clerk Ayres, Trustee Droscha, Treasurer Groh, Trustee Malcangi and Supervisor Silsby

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Officer Harrison

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

Ordinance Hearing

Supervisor Silsby opened hearing to consider a Consumers Energy Company Gas and/or Electric Franchise Ordinance granting the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services, and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, braces, feeders, transmission and distribution wires, transformers and other electrical appliances on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas and/or electric business in the Township of Aurelius for a period of thirty years.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2018 were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$47,515.61 covered by vouchers: Payroll Fund: Checks #16000 - #16012 and EFT44.

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #16013 - #16042.

Motion made by Member Malcangi and supported by Member Droscha to approve consent agenda. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Unfinished Business

Consumers Energy Franchise Ordinance #48 was discussed. Motion made by Member Droscha and supported by Member Silsby to approve Ordinance #48. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business

Officer Harrison gave the Ingham County Sheriff's report for Aurelius Township. He reported 5 accidents and 10 response calls for the month of May and 4 accidents and 6 response calls for the month of June. Officer Harrison encouraged the board members to email him if they had any questions or concerns. He left following his report.

Supervisor Silsby has not received the Ingham County Road Department Contract but was in communication with William Conklin, ICRD Director and they were in agreement about the amount in the matching account of \$62,182 with 2017 carry over, and cost of repairs for Eifert, Bunker, and Curtice Roads at \$135,000. Mr. Conklin said striping would be added at no additional charge to the township. With concern for the short period the weather allowed for road repairs, a motion was made by Member Droscha and supported by Member Malcangi to approve contract when it was received. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Fire contract with City of Mason Fire Department was reviewed with three options. Member Silsby motioned and was supported by Member Ayres to accept option 1 of a flat rate of \$73,000 for each of the next three years. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Hall repair bids have been received from Exteriors of Lansing for roof, siding and fascia. Supervisor Silsby is waiting for a bid returned from Whipple Construction.

Supervisor Silsby motioned for a closed session at 7:30 p.m. to consider attorney letters of June 7, 2018 and June 14, 2018 exempt from disclosure by FOIA due to attorney-client privilege. Motion supported by Member Ayres. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Board returned to regular session at 7:44 p.m. Silsby reported neighbor complaints have been received regarding noise, lights, junk and debris encroaching property lines from 1765 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan even after corresponding and speaking with property owner. Board members have also observed junk on property. Member Silsby made a motion and was supported by member Droscha to pursue enforcement of ordinance including litigation if necessary. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Silsby and supported by Member Droscha to change the July Board of Review meeting date to July 24, 2018 by Resolution 2018-13. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor Silsby reported 8 houses sold in the last two weeks. One house was sold for \$4,000 more than the asking price.

Clerk Ayres reported over 600 absentee ballot applications were mailed and over 400 absentee ballots have been mailed for the August 7, 2018 primary election.

Treasurer Groh gave the quarterly report of investments and the cash report with a total of \$751,409.07. She is also considering applying for sub accounts with Michigan Class for fire, street lights, park, and cemetery funds after discussing the proposal with township auditors. Trustees felt it would be a good move for the money. Groh has also ordered picnic tables to replace several deteriorated tables in Glenna Droscha Park. Tables will be delivered the first week of August and will need to be assembled. Trustee Droscha volunteered his farm yard for assembling tables. Groh has left a message with Melissa Buzzard's office for a recommendation of a contractor for the pavilion/playground project. A licensed contractor is required for the county grant. A bid will need to be received and approved by the Ingham County Trails and Parks application deadline of August 31, at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Droscha reported old bleachers on the north side baseball field in Glenna Droscha Park need to be removed. All agreed it could be done. Droscha will also look at the railing around the back entrance to the township office and make the repair.

Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Ayres, Clerk
Aurelius Township