

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 13, 2019
MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

Board members present: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi and Silsby.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Officer Ted Harrison

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

Consent Agenda

Board Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2019 were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$79738.31 covered by vouchers:

Payroll Fund: Checks #16603 - #16613 and 1 EFT.

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks # 16602 Prepaid, #16614 - #16646.

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

Public Comment

None

Unfinished Business

Treasurer Groh reported Exteriors of Lansing has completed contracted work. There is an issue with eaves trough at front entrance. Exteriors of Lansing is working on a bid for a repair. The concrete has been undermined and also needs repair in front of ADA ramp. Painting is complete in hallway and restrooms. Painter has submitted a bid to paint foundation and AZEK, stained ceiling and basement stairway. Groh will get additional paint bids. J2 Designs has been contacted for a few projects.

Supervisor Silsby handed out a copy of an Assessing certificate for Krista Simmons and a duties list. He reported Simmons was unable to attend because she was out of town. Silsby reported Simmons would do assessing remotely for \$11.00 per parcel with several duties being done in office by Silsby for a salary to be determined between \$2 and \$4 per parcel. Member Malcangi motioned to call a special meeting to meet Assessor applicant before approval and discuss salary. Motion seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Silsby. Motion carried.

Bid for concrete pads at pavilion was received from Bob Baker for \$1500 to replace and haul away. Droscha suggested waiting for further bids to repair all concrete issues including front entrance. Member Droscha motioned to collect more bids and was

seconded by Member Groh. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Columbia Creek outhouse repairs will begin on Friday by Member Malcangi.

Park Plan title should be changed to 2020-2025 Park Plan to get the full benefit of 5 years. Groh reported the plan should be ready for Board of Trustee approval by November 2019 meeting.

New Business

Ingham County Sheriff Deputy, Ted Harrison gave the police update for May, June and July. There were 11 accidents and 14 calls for service for the period. Officer Harrison also reported traffic has been going too fast on Barnes Rd. and they will be monitoring the area.

Clean-up Day 2019 will now be back to using roll-offs instead of compactor trucks due to scheduling conflict at Granger.

Member Ayres shared a spreadsheet for price comparisons for newsletter between KCI Printing and the currently used Sunprint Printing. An eight page newsletter is costing township residents over \$4,400 dollars per year, with \$1,400 of that amount being postage. KCI currently prints tax bills and assessment notices. Reducing number of pages of newsletter to two pages and inserting with tax bill would save on three days of office labor, bring printing costs down to \$616 per year, and have almost no postage cost. Member Malcangi wanted to see if current printer can give a price for labeling and mailing newsletter to keep business with township resident. Newsletter will go out as usual until further information is received.

Member Silsby reported house at 1987 S. Aurelius was offered for sale by owners to township. Owners have agreed to sell house for \$29,000 and house needs to be cleaned out. Tear down will cost \$16,000 with Chattaway, to be done at later date. Township to pay closing cost. Member Droscha motioned to approve purchase. Silsby seconded. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Ayres requested lowering custodial pay from \$700 per month to \$25 dollars per hour with a minimum of \$400 per month and \$25 per additional visit, with one visit in between back to back renters, since she is also the custodian and she has been doing the job for a year and sees what is required. Vote: Ayes: Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Ayres. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor Silsby reported Newman property went for \$49,000 at auction. He also reported Shepard case was heard in court on August 8, 2019. The judge ruled the township could clean up property and charge the cost and attorney fees back on owner.

Clerk Ayres provided the Balance Sheet and reported no charges from the fire department. She also shared correspondence from the Drain Commissioner's Office and a \$500 donation to parks from Crossroad Weavers.

Treasurer Groh gave the Cash Report at \$84,911.67. She also reported Deputy Treasurer, Margaret Edgar has requested reducing working hours beginning September 16, 2019. She will still be the Deputy Treasurer and she does non-statutory duties when the Administrative Assistant is out of the office.

Trustee Droscha reported attending the Newman property auction to observe and answer questions. Droscha also reported Kindland property is beginning to be cleaned up after fire destroyed home.

Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Ayres, Clerk
Aurelius Township