

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**  
**MINUTES**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Milan Rakich, Randy Maiville

The regular 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 August 11, 2020, were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$42,097.38 covered by vouchers: Payroll Fund: Checks #17187 - #17215, and 1 EFT.

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #17216 - #17246.

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

**Public Comment**

None

**Set Agenda**

Library internet and State Tax Commission invoice added to new business.

**Unfinished Business**

Granger Contract without compactor services was reviewed. Motion made by Member Ayres and seconded by member Droscha to approve contract. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Searing Property report given by Member Silsby. Contract has been signed and we are waiting the property lean report to come back. Member Groh commented the Kidder property is still not completely clean and recommends Supervisor send letter stating it will need to be clean before closing.

Member Silsby reported speaking with William Conklin of the Road Department and Curtice and Toles Roads will not be worked on. Silsby will contact Tom Gamez to get information regarding Bunker Road.

Member Silsby reported email address box has been added to all permits.

The Building Program was discussed. Milan Rakich stated in larger municipalities the Building Official is over the entire building program. Mr. Rakich stated he looked into the requirements for the Building Official certification and has already taken the exam. He has also read the township Attorney's interpretation of the Building Official duties. The details of the position would need to be worked out between Silsby and Rakich.

Member Droscha motioned to appoint Milan Rakich as the township Building Official and was seconded by Member Malcangi. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Ayres motioned to postpone Township Hall rentals until next Board of Trustees meeting and was seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Member Silsby read Officer Harrison's township report. There were ten calls to Aurelius Township for the month of August. Member Groh stated a resident reported walking by elderly neighbor lying in driveway and the husband could not get the wife on her feet. The elderly couple did not have a phone. Groh suggested checking with Ingham County to see if services were available for elders. Groh will email Officer Harrison.

Commissioner Mailville was given the floor and reported Ingham County is meeting virtually. Mailville predicts grant funded road patrol is going to be cut. The County Commissioners will try to keep position. Employees have been furloughed and that saves money. COVID19 is causing belt tightening but it is not as bad as first anticipated.

2020 Millage Rate request of .8201 for allocated and .5 for voted fire millage was discussed. There was some concern that column figures in five, seven and nine may be incorrect. Member Groh motioned to approve based on figures in column 11 and if further information is received a revision can be submitted. Motion seconded by Member Droscha to approve. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Ayres to approve draft financial statements from Auditors Siegfried and Crandall and was seconded by Member Silsby. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

It appears Mr. Haynes is continuing to allow Scheurer's to remove sand from hill. Township Attorney sent letter in March. Member Silsby will send a follow up letter to Mr. Haynes.

Member Droscha discussed outside business being run from Mr. Haynes barn on Onondaga Road without a special use permit.

Member Ayres motion to approve TomCo snow removal bid and was seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Silsby reported Sunnyview Sanitary Supply would no longer be in business. Silsby got prices from Lansing Sanitary Supply.

PA 116 for 2 parcels for Lonnie and Sarah Ricketts were reviewed. Member Droscha motioned to approve application and was seconded by Member Silsby. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Ingham County Farmland Preservation application was reviewed for same parcels for Lonnie and Sarah Ricketts. Motion made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Silsby to approve application. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Ingham County Farmland Preservation application reviewed for Shawn and Darcy Kirkpatrick. Motion made Member Silsby and seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Several board members reported seeing a car repair business operating on Schafer property. This activity makes the Special Use Permit out of compliance. Member Silsby will write a letter to Mr. Schafer.

Correspondence was reviewed from Comcast and Mason Area Chamber of Commerce.

Capital Area District Library is asking permission to put equipment on siren pole or baseball field pole to boost wireless signal. Motion made by Member Droscha to approve and seconded by Member Silsby. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

State Tax Commission bill was received by registered mail for \$1,720 for assumption of 2019 assessment roll. Member Silsby stated he was told there would be no charge. Motion made by Member Groh to pay bill until further information was received and motion seconded by Member Ayres. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Board Reports**

Clerk Ayres reported 1,400 ballot requests have been received for November election. Motion made by Member Droscha to hire additional election help and was seconded by Member Groh. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer Groh reported receiving \$7721.69 in Cares grant money. The cash report grand total is \$718,615.97. Groh motioned to add Zoning Report and Building Report to monthly meetings and Assessor Reports quarterly. Member Ayres seconded. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tracy Ayres, Clerk  
Aurelius Township