

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Malcangi

Others Attending: N. Mehmed, Brett Droscha, Bryan Droscha, J. Kean, D. Groh, B. Walter, E. Rivett

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 Droscha added Library open house plans and Land combination for Glenna Droscha Park. Member Waltz added MTA training. Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Anderson to approve additions to agenda. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Public Comment

B. Walter asked board for training from current clerk.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Member Anderson and seconded by Member Waltz to approve minutes of October 8, 2024 and invoices totaling \$66,972.30.

Payroll: Checks #019413 - #019433, and 1 EFT. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #019434 - 01945. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Received zoning report from B. Droscha. Plains Road property is not progressing and another issue may need to be addressed at an address on Nichols Road for a camper and a shed.

New Business

Nathan Mehmed presented the park plan draft. DNR requirements are being followed. The plan needs a 30 day review period and the next step is setting the public hearing date. The plan will then get submitted to the DNR. Nathan will send template for notice and public hearing can be held at the January meeting. Treasurer Anderson will update information with the state. Plan will then be good for five years.

Member Waltz motioned to approved Aurelius Branch CADL to operate a trackless train for the December 9, 2024 library open house. Member Droscha seconded. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Waltz motioned to approve township land combination for parcels 33-09-09-26-351-001, 005, 006, 007, 008, 0015 to build pavilion and other park improvements. Member Anderson seconded. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Droscha to approve up to \$750 for MTA training in December for board members. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Metro act application for Midwest Energy and Communications was approved by township attorney's office. Motion made by Member Droscha, seconded by Member Anderson to approve the METRO Act Right-of-Way Telecommunications permit for Midwest Energy and Communications. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Wireless communication tower ordinance update recommended and written by township attorney. The planning commission reviewed ordinance and held a public hearing and recommended approval to the board of trustees. Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Droscha to accept ordinance as written. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Keeping of animals ordinance was written reviewed and recommended by the planning commission to the board of trustees after holding a public hearing. Member Droscha recommended changing ordinance item 3 to not reference Ingham County Animal Control ordinance. Member Droscha motioned to approve ordinance with change to #3 as - Small livestock may be kept or housed on a non-commercial basis on a minimum lot size of one half acre. Member Waltz seconded. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Ayres to recommend Perdue account to collection agency. Member Anderson seconded. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Droscha to approve Tomco snow bid. Member Waltz seconded. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Treasurer Anderson recommended raising street light assessment from \$66 to \$71 per house hold in Columbia Lakes to cover increasing utilities costs. Motion made by Member Waltz to increase by \$5 to each parcel and was seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Ayres, Droscha and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor Droscha read a letter of appreciation for Clerk Ayres.

Clerk provided balance sheet.

Treasurer provided cash report. Treasurer reported pavilion construction will begin the second week of December. Picnic tables should be available as scheduled.

Public Comment

Took public comment from D. Groh regarding solar field. Public comment received from Bryan Droscha regarding R. Cheney. Public comment received from Brett Droscha regarding complaint against neighbor. Public comment received from Vevay Clerk, J. Kean recognizing Clerk Ayres.

Adjournment

Supervisor Droscha called for adjournment at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Bethany Walter, Township Clerk (in office starting Nov 20th to approve minutes)
Tracy Ayres, former Township Clerk (Minutes taken prior to Nov 20th)