

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

**MINUTES**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

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

**Members Absent:** Malcangi

**Others Present:** Officer Ted Harrison

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 October 8, 2019 and October 24, 2019, were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$63,215.64 covered by vouchers: Payroll Fund: Checks #16736 - #16750 and 1 EFT. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #16751 - #16782. Grave Opening Fee and Chart of Accounts Update was added to new business agenda.

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

**Public Comment**

None

**Unfinished Business**

Community Building Services has completed work contracted for except for the repair of heat tape and the gate of fence around air conditioning units, which will be completed when Library bookdrop is moved. Library is waiting for concrete to cure to place new dropbox. The heat tape was a bigger issue than originally thought. Old agreement for \$750 has now been replaced with a bid for \$8,850. Member Droscha motioned to hold on new bid and look at other solutions and was seconded by Ayres. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh. Nays: Silsby. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation Plan will be sent to Ingham County Parks Department and Tri-County Planning Commission then the planning consultant will submit his bill so we can receive a 50% reimbursement for the project.

Member Groh reported on water flow on northeast roof of hall was diverted by a water shield in the valley to see if that solves the issue before more invasive measures to roof are made. The subcontractor was from The Gutter Guys and the eavestrough was full of leaves. They will give a bid for gutter guards. She also reported crawl space access has a void above door that should be filled.

### **New Business**

Officer Ted Harrison gave the township report for August – four accidents and four calls for service, September - three accidents and five calls for service and October – four accidents and eight calls for service.

Street Light Assessment Resolution was presented by Member Groh. Costs for energy have increased in 2019. To cover costs for next year an increase of \$5.00 per parcel in Columbia Lakes will be needed, for a total of \$59.70. The current rate of \$54.70 has been in place for three years and previous to that it was at \$58.72 per parcel. Motion to approve resolution was made by Member Droscha and seconded by Member Groh. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Poverty Exemption Resolution was presented by Member Silsby. Motion made by Member Silsby to approved resolution and seconded by Member Groh. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Ayres gave the fire report for the month with two incidents.

Member Ayres presented a class action suit from NPO Litigation regarding prescription opioid drugs. David Revore, Attorney, was consulted. Member Ayres motioned to stay opted in and was seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Proposed ten year septic system inspections by Health Department was discussed. County Commissioners will decide the matter. Out county townships are being asked to share their views and send letters to commissioners. Board will wait for further information.

Member Silsby presented fee change for grave openings to increase from \$600 and \$700 for summer and winter to \$700 all year round for Robert Baker and township will still receive \$100 for grave opening for a \$800 total. Member Silsby motioned to approve fee change and was seconded by Member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Member Ayres presented Chart of Accounts Update to be done by Siegfried and Crandall, PC. Member Droscha motioned to approve service not to exceed \$500 and was seconded by Member Ayres. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

### **Board Reports**

Supervisor Silsby asked with the paint in men's room would be touched up. Member Groh replied it was completed a week ago. Silsby also suggested the lock on the back door should needed adjusting. Silsby reported Kidder house closing will be on November 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and WOW will be changing their rates. Silsby reported getting a call from reported from Lansing State Journal regarding status of not being opted out on marijuana. Attorney Revore checked with state and they had received township ordinance for being opted out.

Clerk Ayres reported contacting Crown Trophy and they said the price for tags for donation board were the same price whether they supplied the tag or we did. Ayres also gave the correspondence report. Mid-Michigan Credit Bureau, Comcast, and two letters from State of Michigan Department of Treasury regarding assessing.

Treasurer Groh gave the cash report of \$739,577.30. Interest rate has gone down a little but investments are still growing. Memorial playground drum has been ordered. We are waiting for John Way to receive product. Waiting for further information on paint quotes from Mr. Treloar. Sign quote from JSC for \$4,250 for aluminum frame 7 ft. by 4 ft. non illuminated reflective sign with vinyl letter was received. We will hold on sign at this time. Groh reported on a tax sale lawsuit that is holding up money from the county for foreclosed property.

Trustee Droscha discussed proposed solar farm ordinance that is still at the Planning Commission level.

**Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tracy Ayres, Clerk  
Aurelius Township