

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
APPROVED MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1939 S. Aurelius Rd., Mason, Ingham County, Michigan.

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

Members Absent: Malcangi

Others Attending: L. St. Clair, S. Chatfield, B. Droscha, M. Lam, Keen

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 Waltz made a motion to accept agenda as written. Motion was supported by member Droscha to approve agenda as is. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Public Comment

L. St. Clair made public comment regarding ideas for the township hall; fruit trees, community garden, community garage sale, community barbeque and a farmer's market. Also mentioned was planting flowers in the old patch designated for a flower garden. Someone would need to step up to head anyone of these ideas to take lead and plan/organize if they moved forward.

Keen introduced himself as owner of Keen Cut Lawns and was there for the bid discussion.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Member Anderson to approve minutes of February 11th, 2025 regular meeting, minutes from special meeting/budget workshop on February 18th, and invoices totaling \$74,268.87. Motion supported by member Waltz.

Payroll: Checks #019637 - #019653. General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #019620 – 019636.

Public Hearing

No public comment was made. Brief recap of budget. Member Droscha made a motion to accept the budget Resolution R2025-08 and adoption of the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. Waltz supported. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

Received zoning report from M. Lam. Plains road property was looked improved. 6263 West Columbia ongoing discussion on property. Attorney is being consulted regarding potential legal action.

Report was given from B. Droscha on Aurelius Road properties, people in woods with containers, Haynes SUP, SUP Stollen Berries, and Tim's garage.

New Business

Decker Insurance Agency Renewal- Motion was made by Anderson to approve the contract renewal and supported by member Walter. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Mowing Bids – went through multiple bids and discussed best option. Eagle Earthworks and Property Maintenance had the best bid. Member Walter made a motion to accept their bid as written. Supported by member Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Resolutions for elected officials pay – Motion was made by member Droscha to accept: Resolution 2025-04, Resolution 2025-05, Resolution 2025-06, Resolution 2025-07, and Resolution 2025-08. Supported by member Anderson. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Custodial & Assessor pay increase – Motion made by member Droscha to accept the increase of Assessor \$39,948.00 and Custodial (from the library fund) to \$375 monthly. Supported by Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Earned Sick Time Act – Discussion and updates as more information is provided in the future.

Notary Approval – Member Walter proposed both herself and her deputy would like to get certified to be able to provide notary services for the township. To cover the cost of the fees she proposed \$75 each as a limit to cover costs of this. Member Waltz made a motion to accept the \$75 per person allotment to cover fees associated with notary certification. Member Anderson supported. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Mosquito Squad contracts – Discussion on renewal for Glenna Droscha Park contract for spraying and also the addition of adding spraying for limited areas of Columbia Creek Park. Agreement was made that these would benefit the community. Member Anderson made a motion to accept the contracts for both spraying of Glenna Droscha Park as well as Columbia Creek Park. Supported by member Walter. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Resolution to appoint municipality rep for par plan – Motion was made by member Droscha to accept Resolution R2025-14 which would appoint Member Walter the rep for

the plan. Motion was supported by member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Ingham County Farmland Resolutions – Member Waltz made motion to accept resolutions R2025-09, R2025-10, R2025-11, R2025-12, and R2025-13. Motion was supported by member Anderson. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Columbia Creek – Discussion was had on the closing and opening of Columbia Creek. It was agreed that the dates should change to opening on May 1 and closing October 31. Member Walter would follow up with insurance company on our liability insurance to ensure it would cover Lukas Hustad for opening/closing duties.

Budget Adjustments – Budget line items were discussed to balance budget. Member Anderson made a motion to accept all changes highlighted and discussed. Member Droscha supported that motion. Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Walter, Droscha, and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: Malcangi. Motion carried.

Board Reports

Supervisor – Discussion on who will be opening and closing Columbia Creek Park. Will connect with Lukas

Clerk - None

Treasurer – Playground moving forward. Doing pavilion in mid-April now so water is drained out of holes. Lions club wants to donate picnic tables possibly for pavilion.

Trustees - None

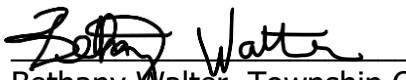
Public Comment

None

Adjournment

Supervisor Droscha called for adjournment at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Bethany Walter, Township Clerk