

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

Members Present: Clerk Ayres, Trustee Droscha, Trustee Malcangi and Supervisor Silsby

Members Absent: Treasurer Groh

Others Present: Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth, Chief Deputy Jason Ferguson

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

Consent Agenda

Board Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017 were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$85,140.28, covered by vouchers:

Prepaid: #015274 - #015276

Payroll: #015277 - #015295 & 1 EFT

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Check #015296 - #015323

Public Comment

None.

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

Unfinished Business

Consumers Energy responded to inquiry regarding cost of changing street lights at Columbia Lakes to LED. The cost would be \$2,000 for each of the 68 lamp posts. The 10 lamp posts owned by the township at Glenna Droscha Park were changed for \$1,500 total. The township receives the billings for the Columbia Lakes lights but the residents of Columbia Lakes actually pay for the service. The conversion would benefit the Columbia Lakes residents and they would need to request and pay for the conversion through Consumers Energy directly.

New Business

Sheriff Scott Wrigglesworth gave a presentation to introduce himself and his new Chief Deputy, Jason Ferguson. Sheriff Wrigglesworth has a number of initiatives that he will be implementing as the new Sheriff to improve the functioning of the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. He will be establishing a Behavioral Assessment Unit to help mentally ill people by assigning them a specially trained officer to help them in crisis. He will address distracted driving by putting plain clothed officers on patrol for motorists that are texting and driving. He will also be assigning a deputy to the rural townships to stay in regular communication and residents will be able to request vacation property checks. Under his direction, Ingham County

Sheriff's Department will be joining the State of Michigan Records Management System to share information that other police departments have access to. The jail project is still being discussed by the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. The longer it takes to approve a plan, the more the project will cost. Money will be saved in the long run by building a modern jail that will take fewer officers to guard the same number of inmates. Supervisor Silsby thanked Sheriff Wrigglesworth and Officer Ferguson for attending the meeting and giving an update.

Resolution 2017-2 Township Clerk Salary for 2017-2018 fiscal year to remain at the 2016 – 2017 rate. Silsby motioned to approve resolution and supported by Ayres. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-3 Township Treasurer Salary for 2017-2018 fiscal year to remain at the 2016 – 2017. Silsby motioned to approve resolution and supported by Ayres. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-4 Township Trustee Salary for 2017-2018 fiscal year to remain at the 2016 – 2017. Silsby motioned to approve resolution and supported by Ayres. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Resolution 2017-5 Township Supervisor Salary for 2017-2018 fiscal year to remain at the 2016 – 2017. Silsby motioned to approve resolution and supported by Ayres. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Clerk Ayres motioned to set Budget Work Session date for March 22, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Silsby supported. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Tri-County Office on Aging sent a request for support that outlined services provided to township residents. 2,736 meals were served to 16 older adults in 2016. Droscha motioned to approve \$550 for Tri-County Office on Aging. Support was given by Silsby. Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Granger contract 3 year contract for refuse and recycling is up for renewal. The cost has increased a small amount since the last contract. Malcangi motioned to approve contract and Droscha supported motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Malcangi, Silsby. Nays: None. Absent: Groh. Motion carried.

Supervisor Silsby shared correspondence from our risk management company. Some of the recommendations were placing non-potable water signs on the cemetery water pumps, having a rental agreement for our pavilion even though we don't rent it, and including a hold harmless clause in all contracts. He also reported revenue sharing was going to be increased by about 8% that would be about \$2,000.

Clerk Ayres reported on a fire bill regarding a propane truck and another vehicle with the Ingham County Sheriff's Deputy issuing a citation to the propane driver. The propane

company manager said they would not pay bill. Township attorney said he would write a letter to enforce township ordinance.

Board Reports

Silsby would check on the progress of a Mud Bog ordinance.

Treasurer Groh was absent but provided a cash report ending January 31, 2017 with a grand total of \$912,030.56.

Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Ayres, Clerk
Aurelius Township