

**AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 8, 2018**

**MINUTES**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Jennifer DeGroat, Sally Trout, Jolee Hamlin, Sgt. Ted Harrison, County Commissioner Maiville

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 April 10, 2018 were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$37,562.86 covered by vouchers: Payroll Fund: Checks #15923 - #15938 and EFT42.

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks #15939 - #15962.

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

**Public Comment**

None

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

Capital Area District Library - Aurelius Branch, Head Librarian, Jennifer DeGroat presented the annual report. She outlined the many services provided by the library and thanked the Aurelius Township Board for their part in making the Aurelius Branch Library possible. Jennifer also announced the Aurelius Branch Library would be making sitting area for reading and device use dedicated to the memory of Librarian, Eileen Droscha.

Sgt. Ted Harrison, Ingham County Sheriff's Department gave the township report for March and April. There were two car accidents in the month of March and 10 response calls and April had two car accidents and 11 response calls. Supervisor Silsby thanked Officer Harrison for his service.

The Aurelius Township Planning Commission has submitted the Master Plan Update to the Board of Trustees for review and comment. Treasurer Groh recommended the Ingham County Road Commission be updated to the Ingham County Road Department. Trustee Malcangi made a motion to approve the Master Plan Update for distribution to

contiguous townships for review with correction. Motion was supported by Trustee Droscha. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Silsby gave the roads update. He shared his inspection of the roads that were in the most need of repair along with a map of the traffic count map from the county. He also reported Eifert Road repairs begun last year will be finished this year and road striping will be done in 2019 at no cost to township. At the present time we have \$33,982 in our road cost sharing account. To use that amount we may need to make an amendment to the township budget. Silsby will contact William Conklin with recommended road repairs.

Consumers Energy is requesting a new franchise agreement. They did not get the information back to the township in time for the May board meeting and a franchise agreement ordinance hearing will be on the June Board of Trustees Agenda.

### **Board Reports**

Supervisor Silsby reported blue tarps on baseball field to eliminate spectators arguing with the umpire calls. Silsby also reported two free tire cleanup opportunities will be available in June. Ingham County Road Department will host one at the Road Department on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Soil Conservation Department will host one at the fair grounds on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Supervisor Silsby shared a letter received from the Donley family about a burial issue at Greenwood Cemetery. The family said the wrong lot was used. The vault company came and took the vault out and moved it to a different lot.

Assessor Silsby reported changes are being recommended by the State of Michigan for township assessing. All assessors will now need to be a level three or four to be qualified.

Clerk Ayres reported making preparations for the August 2018 primary election and gave the balance sheet report. She also reported on the Census Address Update in preparation for the 2020 Census. Several streets and many households were added to list from 2010 and these numbers are what our revenue sharing are based on.

Treasurer Groh gave the cash report with a total of \$765,865.68. Groh discussed the park inspection log and the trustees reported completing inspections and recommended changes to the log for items that were not applicable. Trustee Malcangi also recommended adding Columbia Creek Bridge to the inspection log and reported mulch has been added to the Columbia Creek playground.

Groh also shared a map for signage in the township for bike path connectivity to county parks and stated Aurelius Township is the first to do on road signage for parks and trails and will need 179 signs. Groh presented R2018-9 Resolution to Support Ingham County's Application to the Michigan Transportation Alternative Program for a County Wide Signage Plan and to Develop a Maintenance Plan for the Signage System. Motion was made by Clerk Ayres and supported by Trustee Droscha to approve resolution. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Droscha, Groh, Malcangi, and Silsby. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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Trustee Malcangi reported Columbia Creek is opened at 5:15 a.m. and closed at dusk.

Commissioner Randy Maiville reported the jail millage that will be on the August Primary ballot is a major point of discussion with the county commission and the Ingham County tax rate is now higher than Wayne County.

**Public Comment**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Tracy Ayres, Clerk  
Aurelius Township