BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES July 20, 2004

The Aurelius Township Board of Appeals met in special session on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 7:00 P.M., at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, MI.

Members Present: Daman, Droscha, Hankey, Iansiti and Johnson.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Donna Lawson, Clerk, Larry Johnson, Trustee, and Robert Faidley.

Chairman Hankey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Robert Faidley has requested a variance to leave a barn at its location in front of his house at 3628 Kipp Road. The barn was build without a permit because he was not aware he needed one.

Member Iansiti stated that, after talking to the Clerk, it was his understanding that they should be looking at the "site" for the barn only. The Township Board will deal with the construction of the barn without a permit.

Members discussed the location of the property and the barn.

Chairman Hankey questioned why the barn could not have been build 20 feet farther back to make it legal.

Mr. Faidley explained there was a pond and electrical wires in the way. He stated the site was chosen because he tore down an old chicken coop and another old building there and built in the same spot. A gravel driveway to this site was already there.

Members questioned how far the building was from the neighbors, size of property in question and what the building was being used for.

Member Iansiti made a motion to approve the request because the barn is basically a replacement of old buildings and it does not affect the adjoining property owners. Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Daman - yes, Droscha - yes, Hankey - yes, Iansiti - yes, Johnson - yes. Chairman Hankey declared the motion carried.

The Board discussed the permit process and the use of fines to discourage residents from building without a permit.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Lawson, Clerk