

# **AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD**

## **June 10, 2008**

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan. Board members present: Gill, Johnson, Lawson, and Silsby. Absent: Droscha. Also Present: Shelly Heaviland, Randy Nobach, Don Ross, Liz Ross, Peter Strank and Ted Stroud.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Silsby at 7:30 p.m. All joined in the pledge to the United States flag.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

CORRESPONDENCE was reviewed.

MINUTES of the May 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

BILLS were reviewed in the amount of \$42,866.52 covered by vouchers:

Payroll Fund: #22000 thru #22111  
General Fund: #11033 thru #11062  
Fire Fund: #201 thru #202  
Street Light Fund: #201

THE CONSENT AGENDA was approved by motion of Johnson and seconded by Silsby. Roll call vote: Droscha – absent, Gill - yes, Johnson – yes, Lawson – yes, Silsby – yes. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION MAPPING PROGRAM. Member Lawson stated that after reviewing information she was concerned that maintenance and upkeep with our limited staff would become too expensive. Member Silsby stated that the information we already have through Tax Mapping on BS&A Assessing would be sufficient for the township's needs. After some discussion it was moved by Silsby to not participate with the Drain Commission Mapping Program and to not pay the balance of \$3,000.00. Member Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Droscha – absent, Gill - yes, Johnson – yes, Lawson – yes, Silsby – yes. Motion carried.

LIZ ROSS, ISLAND CITY EMS presented more information on ambulance response times and how their ambulance service could better service Aurelius Township residents as a backup to other ambulance services already used in the township. Liz Ross stated that she would be having a meeting within the next week with John Truba at Hayes Green Beach to discuss working out a relationship with them. The board decided to wait and see how the meeting went with John Truba until any more decisions were made. Member Lawson made a motion to issue a HOLD on the matter and to revisit it at a later date. Gill seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Droscha – absent, Gill - yes, Johnson – yes, Lawson – yes, Silsby – yes. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Planning Commission minutes were reviewed and the Master Plan was accepted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING SYSTEMS. During the May board meeting discussion was had that the permit had expired and no attempt had been made to erect the tower. A letter was then mailed to Christian Broadcasting Systems stating that the permit was expired. Mr. Ted Stroud the attorney for Christian Broadcasting Systems attended the meeting and stated that the building of this tower involved many technical plans to get to the point of actual construction including dealing with the National Historic Preservation Survey, a biological survey and public comment. The board reviewed a

summary of activities by Christian Broadcasting System at the site. He also stated that they were within two weeks of starting the building process and the project is expected to be completed by Labor Day of this year. Mr. Stroud requested a reinstatement of the building permit. Member Gill moved to reinstate the permit as long as the township board was updated monthly on progress via email or fax until the project was complete. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Droscha - absent, Gill - yes, Johnson - yes, Lawson - yes, Silsby - yes. Motion carried.

A SPENDING RESOLUTION WITH THE INGHAM COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION requesting an extra \$4,000.00 with a total of \$6,500.00, due to a culvert replacement on Barnes Road between Aurelius and Edgar Roads was reviewed. Spending resolution was approved by motion of Lawson and seconded by Gill. Roll call vote: Droscha - absent, Gill - yes, Johnson - yes, Lawson - yes, Silsby - yes. Motion carried.

COOK THORBURN DRAIN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT plan wants to apply for a grant to work on the drain that flows into the Sycamore Creek. A move of support was made by member Silsby with a letter of support and seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote: Droscha, absent, Gill - no, Johnson - yes, Lawson - yes, Silsby - yes. Motion carried.

CREDIT CARD USE POLICY RESOLUTION attached was approved by motion of Gill and seconded by Johnson. Droscha - absent, Gill - yes, Johnson - yes, Lawson - yes, Silsby - yes. Motion carried.

REFUSE CONTRACT attached was approved by motion of Lawson and seconded by Gill. Roll call vote: Droscha - absent, Gill - yes, Johnson - yes, Lawson - yes, Silsby - yes. Motion carried.

MGFOA MEMEBERSHIP AND TRAINING in the name of Treasurer was requested. Membership was approved by motion of Silsby and seconded by Johnson. Roll call vote: Droscha - absent, Gill - yes, Johnson - yes, Lawson - yes, Silsby - yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

CLERK distributed balance sheet.

TREASURER distributed reports of cash on hand.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 P.M.

Shelly Heaviland, Deputy Clerk  
Aurelius Township