

AURELIUS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Remote Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
MINUTES

The Aurelius Township Board met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 2020, at the Aurelius Township Hall, 1939 S. Aurelius Road, Mason, Michigan and by Zoom.

Board members present: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby, and Waltz

Absent: None

Also present remotely: Attorney Koches, Marnie Anderson, and Jeremy Shepard

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2021-2022 Budget was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

All present joined in the pledge to the United States flag.

Member Silsby presented the 2021-2022 proposed budget for review. Several figures were questioned by board members and a corrected budget report was printed by Member Ayres.

Public Comment

None

The regular meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Board Meeting Minutes of February 9, 23, and 25, 2021, were reviewed for approval.

Expenses were reviewed for approval in the amount of \$68,604.17 covered by vouchers: Payroll Fund: Checks #17492 - #17516, and 1 EFT.

General Fund, Fire Fund, Street Light Fund: Checks (#17491 replaced lost check) #17517 - #17538 and 1 EFT.

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

Public Comment

None

Set Agenda

Unfinished Business

Mechanical Inspector Plyler has turned in keys and completed inspection reports. Member Groh would like a draft copy of Building Department Manual forwarded to the board. Member Silsby gave the inspection report. Two inspections on the report were not completed for February. It was requested that Silsby follow up and add comments to the inspection reports. Seven inspections not completed by Mr. Plyler have not been completed and residents were sent a letter.

Mr. Shepard would like to pay \$9,000 of the \$26,000 in fees that have been incurred for code enforcement on his property. Member Silsby and Attorney Koches will meet with Mr. Shepard and his attorney on March 12, 2021 to discuss the matter. Motion made by Member Ayres and seconded by Member Malcangi to approve Member Silsby to negotiate for \$9,000 or above.

Attorney Koches gave an update on code enforcement. Silsby is registered with Ingham County as the Code Enforcement Officer. Pictures need to be taken to go with the citation for the Vanalstine property. A copy of Chapter 16 of township ordinance has been sent to Ingham County and Member Silsby has been given badge number 998 for Code Enforcement Officer and it has no expiration date. The Mullins violation letter has been sent. Mr. Mullins would like to purchase 5 acres and apply for a special use permit. We are waiting for a parcel description from Mr. Haynes. The property will need to be released from PA116 agreement. The Planning Commission will meet to finalized the solar ordinance and then will hold a hearing on April 20, 2021 for the Solar Ordinance and the amendment to the zoning ordinance for setbacks in Columbia Lakes subdivision. Board of Trustees should receive two ordinances for review and possible approval at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

Member Silsby state D. Droscha was the appointed Chairperson and T. Blauvelt was the appointed secretary for the group. Board of Review received three write in protests, eight veteran exemption requests and five poverty exemption requests.

Board of Review alternate member will not be going through training. Motion made by Member Groh and seconded by Member Malcangi to look for new alternate member by the end of the year that will get training. In the event an alternate is needed in 2021, the current alternate will be used. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Aurelius Township owned houses are on hold for permit from Ingham County Road Department to disconnect gas by Consumers Energy. Silsby is to notify board members when that is completed. Member Waltz contacted Sherrell excavating and received two bids including well and septic closures. Mason Fire Department will be using houses fire training. A date has not been set.

Member Silsby gave a cemetery update. Insurance claim was denied for lot correction. Silsby is to check to see if there will be a further charge for moving the marker.

Member Ayres made a motion to discontinue pavilion reservation Glenna Droscha Park until further notice and cancel current reservations. Motion seconded by Member Waltz. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

New Business

Member Waltz motioned to approve 2021-2022 Budget and Appropriations Act Resolution and was seconded by Member Silsby. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Waltz motioned to approve budget amendments of \$4,150 and was seconded by Member Silsby. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by member Silsby to approve the Zuspann PA116 release. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to appoint David Lynch to Mechanical Inspector and to send an employee handbook addendum to all inspectors of expectations for completing inspections. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Silsby and seconded by Member Waltz to approve the ordinance amendment for Zoning Board of Appeals membership. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Groh and seconded by Member Malcangi to approve the 2021-2022 Financial Depositories Resolution. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Ayres and seconded by Member Waltz to approve the 2021-2022 Resolution to Collect Summer Taxes. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Malcangi to schedule interviews for Zoning Administrator candidates Bedell, Ramey, and Desentz. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried. A special meeting to be called after March 26, 2021.

Fire Contract information was discussed. Member Silsby will get more information.

Motion made by Member Groh and seconded by Member Malcangi to approve Mosquito Squad contract for G. Droscha Park. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to approve Rapid Shred services. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Waltz and seconded by Member Ayres to approved Michigan Townships Association training subscription. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Member Ayres discussed purchase of security cameras with COVID funding. No COVID funds were received. Purchase was made from general fund.

Correspondence was reviewed from MAM1 Lansing and Inch Memorials.

Treasurer Groh's resignation letter was discussed. Marnie Anderson has submitted a resume for the position. Board members would like more candidates to consider. Treasurer Groh was asked if she would to stay on until a replacement can be found.

Groh will submit a letter to rescind. Motion made by Member Malcangi and seconded by Member Waltz to accept agreement. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstained: Groh. Motion carried. The vacancy will be posted to get more applicants.

Parks and Trails Grant Consultant was discussed. Member Groh stated she is checking into application process for another grant for parks and trails to connect walking path to new township property. Groh state she would like to address consultant offer at a later date.

Board Reports

Supervisor Silsby reported sending letters to 331 College Road for junk care violation and to Tim's Garage for having cars outside of allowable area. Silsby received one manure complaint from Plains Road and directed that to the Ingham County Health Department.

Clerk Ayres provided the balance sheet report and discussed the invoice for Tim Basore pay at \$45 with mileage. Motion made by Member Groh and seconded by Member Malcangi to pay the requested \$45 and mileage. Vote: Ayes: Ayres, Groh, Malcangi, Silsby and Waltz. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer Groh have the cash report at \$842,928.66. March 23, the Dart #6 CD will be maturing and will be rolled over for either a 6 or 12 month CD based on rates. Tax reconciliation with Ingham County has been in progress and reminder letters for late taxes were sent out and 76 parcels were turned over to county as delinquent. \$12,000 is expected for delinquent roll. Park inspections by Trustees are needed.

Trustee Waltz discussed meeting with Sherrell Excavating to request bids for house removal on Aurelius Rd.

Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Ayres, Clerk
Aurelius Township