

MINUTES OF THE AU GRES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING March 14th, 2023 ~ 7:00 P.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Jim Herzog, Clerk Michael Oxley, Treasurer Patricia Tremble, Trustee Penny Kurchak and Trustee Jan Bullock

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: Brent Adam, Dave Albosta, Art Gallop, Aurette Gates, and Derek Porritt and Amanda Derocher, Jerry Thomas, Chuck and Kay Woods, Jesse Young

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting began at 7:10pm with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL of AGENDA: Motion made by Clerk Oxley Tremble to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Treasurer Patricia Tremble. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Agenda approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Derek Porritt - Green Drive, asked about business housing units in residential areas. Commenting on the difference in Air B&B designations as compared to Bread & Breakfast and short term rentals. And asked about the a driveway approval so close to a property line.
Dave Albosta - Lola Lane asked if a property owner could build a pole barn before building a home.
Jerry Thomas asked how could someone put a septic field in a wetland area.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES: Motion made by Tremble to approve the February 14th, 2023 Board of Trustee meeting minutes. Motion supported by Oxley. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Minutes approved.

PAYMENT OF BOOK OF BILLS: Motion made by Tremble to approve the February 2023 book of bills as presented. Motion supported by Oxley. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Treasurer Patricia Tremble. Motion made by Trustee Jan Bullock to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved

BOARD REPORTS:

AUGRES-SIMS-WHITNEY FIRE AUTHORITY: Meeting held at the Au Gres Fire Hall, called to order by Olen Swartz. Treasurer's report was given by Tom Brandimore. Motion was made and supported to move \$150,000.00 into a CD paying 4.9% for one year. Brandimore pointed out that the 110' Ladder Truck was not insured because it had not been inspected (inspections are required every 5 years). There was board discussion on budget amendments which needed to be considered before the next monthly meeting. Fire Chief Kurt Hummerickhouse reported four calls during the month, a house fire on Santiago road, a carbon monoxide alert at a Huron Breeze residence and a wood stove fire on Michigan Avenue. Hummerickhouse also reported on ice-diving training which took place this month. The Fire Department will conduct CPR training on April 15th - cost is \$80 per person, call in advance if interested in getting CPR/AED certified.
Next Fire Board meeting is on Thursday March 16th at the Au Gres Fire Hall.

HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY: Reported by Jan Bullock: Not too much new to report, see attached meeting minutes. The county-wide garage sale in on for June, and the car show in July. Farmers Market starts June 9th and runs through September. The depot is trying to attract more vendors/crafters by lowering the fees.

Kiwanis Nuts are now available through the Depot - having taken over the nut drive.

Bullock round thing out by reporting that the Omer Courthouse is having two weekend of Junque Sales - March 31st/April 1st, followed the next weekend with new treasures and a bake sale on April 7th and 8th.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Art Gallop Zoning Administrator reporting. A Mr. Kantu on Lola Lane proposed a home structure which, smaller that the 1020 SqFt required, so changed his permit application to 2000sqft, looking at a house kit from Bernards Lumber. Adding that there is an addition of a garage on Rumsey road and the usual amount of phone calls - many of the questions on Lola Lane.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Herzog reported on the Shenfield road project, pointing out the large drawing on the wall, which showed the land divisions required two parcels each on both sides of the 'extension'. We are waiting on our Assessors approval of those land divisions. Au Gres Township's annual meeting with the ACRC is coming up where this will be presented to the road commission to be certain that this meets all the specifications the ACRC requires to make this into a county road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Federal Hardship Guidelines Resolution 2023-01: This resolution, adopting the federal guidelines prior to the March Board of Review, is something that the township board does ever year. Motion made by Tremble to adopt resolution 2023-01. Motion supported by Bullock. Roll Call Vote: Oxley ~ Yes, Tremble ~ Yes, Kurchak ~ Yes, Bullock ~ Yes, Herzog ~ Yes. All Ayes. No Nays. Resolution approved. Resolution signed by Supervisor Herzog, completed by Clerk Oxley and passed onto the assessor.
- b. Land division on Bay Ridge Drive (Owner Michael Urban - lots 15 and 16 to be divided). Oxley commented that he put this on the agenda, with a possibility that assessor Barbara Jones may have approved it before meeting day. Topic tabled as assessor approval has not been received. The application form was completed by Mr. Urban and sent directly to the assessor.

BOARD COMMENT: Herzog thanked all those who took time to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerry Thomas asked about the Shenfield project, and if mariojuana facilities money was going to be used.

Derek Porrit asked about the commercial operation (Czymbor's) in a residential area. How the increased truck traffic was tearing up his road. Herzog, noting that the road was not a township road - turned to Dave Albosta (Lola Lane) and suggested Porrit speak with him.

Amanda Derocher - Green drive suggested that the zoning ordinance should update the language to include 'short term rentals' as bread and breakfast currently used is outdated. Adding that other townships have regulations for these short term rentals, and that the township should have rules/permits as well.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME – 8:30pm. Motion made by Tremble to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No Nays. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved at the regular Board of Trustees Meeting on _____

James Herzog, Supervisor _____

Michael Oxley, Clerk _____