

MINUTES OF THE AU GRES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING July 8th, 2025 ~ 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Jan Bullock

ATTENDEES: In order of signing in: Robert Cotter, Chuck and Gay Woods, Kirk Olson, Becky Woodward, Aurette Gates, Keith Dewald, Pam Stewart, Jesse Young, James Osburn, Duane Willett (Not signed in Joy Willis).

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting began at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance.

BOARD COMMENT: Clerk Michael Oxley commented on the upcoming AGS School Bond Proposal special election on August 5th, 2025. Sample ballots are on the board table.

APPROVAL of AGENDA: Treasurer Patricia Tremble added 'Pure Green/Glorious Canna Odor issue' to the agenda. Motion made by Tremble to approve the agenda as amended. Motion supported by Trustee Penny Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Agenda approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minute limit per person/group): Keith Dewald, Gordon Road, stated that due to the continued odor from marijuana facilities in Au Gres Township (specifically 2497 E Huron - Pure Green) that future Walleye Tournaments have now been pulled from being held in Au Gres.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES: Motion made by Tremble to approve the minutes of the June 10th, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting (with 4 corrections). Motion supported by Trustee Jan Bullock. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Minutes approved.

PAYMENT OF BOOK OF BILLS: Bullock reported that check #1189 for Sherlyn Burkhardt (BS&A Advisor) was incorrect at \$375.00 and would be voided (reissued at \$287.50). Motion made by Tremble to approve the June 2025 Book of Bills with correction. Motion supported Clerk Oxley. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Pat Tremble. The current General Fund balance is \$344,641.25. The total of all funds is \$1,780,447.55 (bank accounts, investments and interest accrued). Motion made by Oxley 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: The May June 19th, 2025 meeting was held at the Au Gres Fire Hall. Meeting called to order by Keith Edmonds. Treasurer Tom Brandimore went over the usual monthly bills, checks were signed.

Fire Chief Kurt Humerickhouse reported 16 calls. The only details given were downed power lines and two car accidents.

He updated the board on status of the new fire truck, scheduled to be delivered in September 2026 (with a construction packet being sent in February 2026, which will outline the equipment being installed).

The next meeting is at the Whitney Fire Hall on July 16th, 2025 at 7:00pm.

HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY: Jan Bullock attended the July 7th AHRA meeting. Pointing out the 'Christmas in July' fundraiser flier in the agenda packet. Farmers market on Fridays is going well. Discussion of the other events as usual. Vintage Car Show is September 4th. The Elvis singer at a Thursday concert had people line dancing. One attendee suggested removal of some of the flower beds to make space for more dancing.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Art Gallop Zoning Administrator reporting. A quiet month, construction on Booth and Rumsey Roads is near completion (pole barn doors have arrived). New residents from Texas (former Podany house) is renovating the inside. One phone call concerning Air B&B (Rumsey Road), owners not happy about weekenders. Told them if the noise is bad, to call the sheriff and have them come out. The Dewald home on Santiago is getting a makeover, looks fine. Gallop suggested sending a letter to them, complimenting the

improvements on their property. One last call was from a Rebecca at 950 N Court Street, first thought it was in the city's jurisdiction. Wanted a shed, told them as long as it is not fixed to the ground, no permit was needed.

LINWOOD CEMETERY REPORT: Penny Kurchak deferred to Supervisor Jim Herzog to report: Herzog reported that the metal roofs and vinyl soffit work on two garage structures in the cemetery was complete (photo passed around). A roll up door on the cinder block building is on order. Building to be painted by Dominic Ruiz the cemetery maintenance contractor. Gordon's Tree Service is being contracted to trim more of the dead pine branches.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Garbage assessment needs to be added to property at 151 E Huron Road (#003-0-18-200-075-00) as there are structures on the parcel. Motion made by Oxley to add the \$150.00 garbage assessment to said parcel. Motion supported by Bullock. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved
- b. Township hall assessment update for insurance purposes. Oxley requested an updated appraisal, as our insurance (Michigan Municipal League) uses a 2015 appraisal. Replacement coverage was \$3,000 and that amount would barely cover one of the fireproof file cabinets. Tremble to get with Jessica Landry our assessor, and for appraisal, suggested that MML should do one for little or no cost.
- c. Au Gres City Water Contract: Oxley reminded the board why the contract was tabled at the last meeting (attendees can read the minutes). Having spoken to City Manager Dale Wiltse about the definition of one water customer using more than the 100,000 gallons specified in the contract. Wiltse explained that if we only had one customer, that one resident could use up to 6 million gallons per year. Board members being satisfied, moved to approve the contract, as Keith Dewald brought up the possibility of a leak in a residence using a huge number of gallons, and was that covered in the contract. Thanking Dewald for the input, motion to approve was tabled, again, until question of leakage could be explored.
- d. Township leaf/compost dump. Oxley related a call from a Rumsey Road resident about where they could take their leaves (spring cleanup of their property). Yard waste cannot be left out of garbage collection, so there was no answer for the resident. Oxley inquired of the board, could we create a composting area. Noting that the City of Au Gres has a composting location on Proulx road. Many questions arose on the topic. Where would be a location. Would dumping be a problem, as it is at the township hall. And others. Oxley to talk with the city about their compost site.
- e. Marijuana Facility Odor Issue. Specifically Pure Green/Glorious Canna at 2497 E Huron Road Tremble spoke on the many meetings held with the Pure Green owners and technicians. How they have been working to correct the issue since first of the year. What they are currently doing. The letter sent giving 60 days to correct the problem. The letter received from attorneys Howard and Howard, stating no action could be taken at the facility due to prior litigation (the company being in receivership). The current plan is to work with our attorney (join the receivership litigation) and contact MRA as Pure Green/Glorious Canna is in violation of our ordinances, which could threaten the permits issued by MRA (Michigan Regulatory Agency).

BOARD COMMENT: Bullock asked if the check for roadside mowing (Golembieski) should be held, due to dissatisfaction with the work he did.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joy Willis asked why we are not fining marijuana facilities as they are in violation of the ordinance(s). Aretta Gates asked why the ditch mowing only did the shoulders and not down in the ditches itself. Art Gallop chimed in on the same, pointing out that corners were not done at intersections like Manor and Santiago, or Gordon and Santiago. Herzog explained that roadside mowing is not ditch cleaning, but did agree there were areas which he considered uncut/badly cut. He will call the contractor in the morning, and also call Chip Woods to do corner brush hogging. Keith Dewald asked if we had the power to revoke Pure Green's grow licenses. Oxley to follow with the MRA.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME – 7:44pm. 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 _____