

MINUTES OF THE AUGRES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION September 29th, 2025 ~ 9:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Jesse Young, Robert Cotter, Patricia Tremble, Aurette Gates and Donna Wilson

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Herzog

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL of AGENDA: Motion made by Patricia Tremble to approve the agenda. Motion supported by Donna Wilson. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES: Motion made by Tremble to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. Motion supported by Robert Cotter. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Minutes of the September 8th, 2025 Planning Commission meeting approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Herzog stated that Clerk Michael Oxley could not attend the meeting as he accounting software Teams meeting with BS&A.

BOARD COMMENT: Chairman Jesse Young thanked everyone for coming.

BLIGHT and ABANDONED VEHICLE ORDINANCES: Tabled at the last meeting, was consideration of adding extra phrases to the ordinances, using text that Tremble found on the MTA website. Noting that, with regards to the ordinances already approved by the Planning Commission, and sent to the Township Board for approval, addition of some of the MTA text may add extra weight to the two ordinances.

Discussion of the additions proceeded, mostly on the lengths of time given a property owner to respond to townships concerns, and also the importance of using 'Certified Mail' for notification of violations.

It was decided to include the following text to both the Blight Control Ordinance 2025-01 and Dismantled/Junked/Scrapped/Discarded Vehicle Ordinance 2025-02:

If the owner or possessor of any property on which a nuisance exists fails to eliminate a nuisance after having received Notice from the Township of the existence of the nuisance, the Township Supervisor, or person designated by the Township, may take such steps as necessary to abate or eliminate the nuisance.

The Notice shall describe the location of the property, describe the nature of the nuisance and give thirty (30) days in which the owner or possessor may eliminate the nuisance without intervention by the Township.

The written Notice shall be served personally, or may be sent by certified USPS mail (with return receipt) to the last known address of the owner or occupier of the premises. The time period shall commence on the date of the personal service or in the case of a mailing service, shall be deemed to have taken place on the date of mailing.

The cost of elimination of the nuisance by the Township, including reasonable attorney fees, may be collected, if necessary, in a lawsuit against the owner and/or possessor of the property on which the nuisance existed and/or against the person who committed, created or maintained the nuisance.

If the cost and fees are not paid within 31 days of submission of an invoice or entry of a court order, whichever first shall occur, the Township may add those costs and fees to the tax bill for the property upon which the nuisance existed and/or may file a lien upon the property in the amount of the unpaid costs and fees, may foreclose the lien in a manner consistent with the judicial foreclosure of mortgages, and shall be entitled to receive all costs and attorney fees incurred in the foreclosure proceedings.

Motion was made by Tremble to add the approved changes to Ordinance 2025-01 and 2025-02 and send them to the Township board for approval/adoption. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Motion approved.

BOARD COMMENT: Thanks were expressed, all around, for the work done, by all, on these ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Supervisor Jim Herzog thanked the planning commission board members for all they do.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME – 9:55: Motion made by Tremble to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Cotter. Voice vote. All Ayes. No Nays. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved at the Planning Commission Meeting _____

Jesse Young, Chairman _____

Michael Oxley, Clerk _____