

MINUTES OF THE AU GRES TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 10th, 2026 ~ 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: None

ATTENDEES: In order of signing in: Art Gallop, Chuck and Kay Woods, Pamela Stewart, Becky Woodward, and Chase Mitrzyk

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

BOARD COMMENT: Trustee Penny Kurchak showing pictures on her phone reported 11 different vehicles at the Santiago Boardwalk Park yesterday, and 7 vehicles there tonight.

APPROVAL of AGENDA: Treasurer Pat Tremble made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion supported by Trustee Penny Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Agenda approved. Tremble made a request to have the agenda packet in hand on the Friday prior to the meeting, as she has had no time to review minutes and agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2 minute limit per person/group): None at this time.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES: Supervisor Jim Herzog pointed out three corrections in the January 2026 minutes. Motion made by Trustee Jan Bullock to approve the minutes of the January 13th, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting. Motion supported by Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Minutes approved (with corrections).

PAYMENT OF BOOK OF BILLS: Motion made by Tremble to approve the January 2026 Book of Bills as presented. Motion supported Clerk Michael Oxley. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. January 2026 Book of Bills approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Pat Tremble. The current General Fund balance is \$155,119.79. The General Fund total including investments and accrued interest is \$810,925.79. The total of all funds is \$1,536,018.88 (bank accounts, investments and interest accrued). Motion made by Oxley to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Supported by Bullock. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved

BOARD REPORTS:

AUGRES-SIMS-WHITNEY FIRE AUTHORITY: The January 22nd, 2026 meeting was held at the Whitney Township Fire Hall. The meeting called to order by Keith Edmonds. Treasurer Tom Brandimore gave the treasurer's report. Edmonds and Brandimore to meet with the loan department of Huron Community Bank on February 6th to discuss financing for the new fire truck. Karl (KJ) Edmonds and the fire equipment salesman are planning a visit to the factory next month to review the specifications for the new truck, whose delivery is expected in September. Jeff Bullock (Au Gres Township's representative) resigned from the fire board due to personal matters. The board members thanked him for his time serving on the board. A replacement is being sought.

Fire chief Kurt Hummerickhouse reported 11 fire calls during the previous month: Three (3) personal injury accidents, allegedly due to the winter storm. Three (3) downed power lines. A house fire assist in Twining. A reported vehicle fire which actually was a snowmobile, a MMR assist and a water rescue (false alarm).

The next meeting is on Thursday, February 19th, 2026 - 7:00pm at the Au Gres Fire Hall.

HERITAGE ROUTE AUTHORITY: See attached AHRA minutes in the agenda packet.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Art Gallop Zoning Administrator reported things being quiet, with few phone calls and the only zoning permit was for a manufactured home for 1504 Swenson Road, the Politte family whose house burned down last year. The home to be delivered any day.

LINWOOD CEMETERY REPORT: No cemetery report during winter months.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Land division - Kola Ventures: parcel 003-0-023-300-005-26, a 78.3-acre parcel divided into an (A) 2.10-acre parcel, (B) a 22.86-acre parcel, with (C) a remainder parcel of 54 acres. The division has been authorized by Jessica Landry, township assessor. Approval was tabled due to request for a parcel clarification by Tremble
- b. Herzog presented the road projects for 2026. Board members followed along on handouts of the 4 projects and their costs. Proposed projects are as follows:
 - Thaut Road from Santiago to Court Street - 1-1/2" limestone rock mix - \$25,200.00
 - Swenson Road asphalt paving from US-23 to Noggle Road - \$139,822.00
 - Noggle Road asphalt paving from Swenson to Nearman Roads - \$114,583.00
 - Noggle Road from Crawford Road to M-65 - 1-1/2" limestone rock mix - \$42,000.00

Motion made by Tremble to approve the 2026 road projects. Motion supported by Kurchak. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved. Herzog to contact the ACRC's engineer Brad Stauffer with board approval so finalized work orders would be prepared. Final board approval (or further discussion) at a future meeting.

- c. Marijuana Adult-Use Retail Establishment permit at 2426 E Huron Road (formerly Dutch Delight, parcel ID# 003-3-M50-000-008-00 and 003-3-M50-000-007-00). Applicant Chase Mitrzyk. A public review was held on February 9th by the Planning Commission, at which the PC board unanimously recommended the permit for approval (pending conditions).

Specifically: **The Planning Commission recommends to the Township board, approval of the permit application for Chase Mitrzyk of Green Mitten Pharms, LLC for an Adult-Use Marijuana Retail Establishment at 2426 E Huron, pending the full payment of taxes on the properties and providing notarized signatures on the lease agreement of the site.**

Motion made by Oxley to approve the application, pending notarized signatures, property taxes being paid, full payment of the water bill and clarification of the parcel numbers on the application (as the building in question spans two different parcels). Motion supported by Tremble. Voice vote: All yeas. No nays. Motion approved

- d. March Board of Review: Oxley referenced the sheet with dates/times of the 2026 Board of Review in the agenda packet for anyone wishing to submit an appeal. The 2026 assessment notices are being mailed out by the assessor in the next week or so.

BOARD COMMENT: Kurchak expressed the board's thanks for everyone in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: TIME – 7:52pm. 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 _____