

Augusta Charter Township  
8021 Talladay Road  
Whittaker, MI 48190

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

1. Augusta Township's Board of Trustee's Meeting held at Lincoln Golden Ages Senior Center, 8970 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti MI 48197, was called to order by Shelby at 6:30 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Gonczy, Hall, Ortiz, and Shelby. Absent; none.
4. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fuqua-Frey to approve the agenda. Roll Call: Aye; Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Hall, Gonczy, Ortiz and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed.
5. Public comment opened at 6:34 p.m. public comment closed at 6:53 p.m.
6. Motion by Gonczy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall to approve the Draft Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2024. Roll Call: Aye; Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Hall, Gonczy, and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed.
7. Motion by Shelby 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams to approve the Fire Department Report as given. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Motion by Gonczy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelby to approve the Augusta Charter Township Insurance Policy effective August 1, 2024, for \$87,585.00. Roll Call: Aye; Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Gonczy, Hall, Ortiz, and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed.

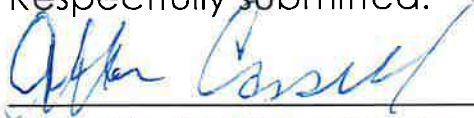
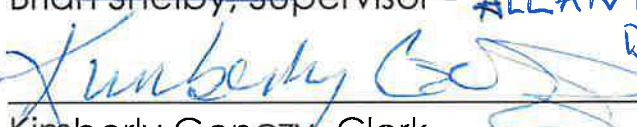
9. Motion by Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelby to approve Resolution 24-16 a Resolution to Support Michigan Township Participating Plan Grant Application in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the Augusta Charter Township Fire Department Surveillance System Project. Roll Call: Aye; Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Gonczy, Hall, Ortiz, and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed.
10. Motion by Fuqua-Frey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ortiz to reconsider the prior determination made by the Augusta Township Board of Trustees, Item 18, from the May 28, 2024, meeting: *"Motion by Gonczy, 2nd by Hall to obtain a proposal from Carlisle Wortman to undertake revisions of the Augusta Township Zoning Ordinance resulting from the Audit for Agriculture District. Roll Call; Aye; Adams, Burek, Hall and Gonczy. Nay; Fuqua-Frey, Ortiz and Shelby. Absent; none. Motion passed."* Roll Call: Aye; Fuqua-Frey and Ortiz. Nay; Adams, Burek, Gonczy, Hall, and Shelby. Absent; none. Motion failed.
11. Motion by Fuqua-Frey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ortiz to reconsider the prior determination made by the Augusta Township Board of Trustees, Item 19, from the May 28, 2024, meeting: *"Motion by Gonczy, 2nd by Adams to authorize F&V Engineers to prepare a Lift Station & Capital Improvement Plan at a cost of \$28,000 within 90 days. Roll Call: Aye; Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Hall, Gonczy, Ortiz, and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed."* Roll Call: Aye; Fuqua-Frey and Ortiz. Nay; Adams, Burek, Gonczy, Hall, and Shelby. Absent; none. Motion failed.
12. Motion by Fuqua-Frey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ortiz to restore the second monthly meeting and that one of the meetings be designated for study, education, and discussion and debate of all resolutions brought before the board and adopt a policy that nothing can be voted on at the first presentation and must be presented to the study meeting before it can be considered for adoption by the Board. Roll Call: Aye; Fuqua-Frey and Ortiz. Nay; Adams, Burek, Gonczy, Hall, and Shelby. Absent; none. Motion failed.

13. Motion by Fuqua-Frey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ortiz, Whereas the Township settled a water debt with the school district to reduce the amount of money owed for water usage by the school district due do to the incompetence of the township government from \$380,000 to \$99,000; And the customers on the water system have had to bear the burden of the cost of the school district's water usage without the passage of a milage as required by state law and our constitution; And the remaining \$281,000 unrecovered water loss expense constitutes an unconstitutional tax on the people of the water district; Be it resolved that the remaining cost be covered by the ARPA funds; And the recovered \$99,000 plus the remaining balance of the unpaid water loss from the school district's usage be allocated proportionally as credits on the customers' water bills until all the customers have recouped said pro rata losses. Roll Call: Aye; Fuqua-Frey and Ortiz. Nay; Adams, Burek, Gonczy, Hall, and Shelby. Absent; none. Motion failed.
  
14. Motion by Fuqua-Frey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ortiz Whereas there remains a substantial amount of money from the ARPA funds which must be assigned to be earmarked for expenditure by December 31, 2024; And a majority of the Board of Trustees have pursued expenditures that are wasteful and unnecessary; And it is recommended under federal law that the residents have a say and input in the decisions regarding such expenditures; Be it resolved that there be a moratorium established on the spending of any of the remaining ARPA funds until after the November election: And be it also resolved that during the moratorium the electors be engaged in the decision making process for such earmarking of the expenditures and if necessary place a ballot proposal on the November ballot as to how to allocate the remaining funds. Roll Call: Aye; Fuqua-Frey. Nay; Adams, Burek, Gonczy, Hall, Ortiz, and Shelby. Absent; none. Motion failed.
  
15. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ortiz to approve the Utility Report. Motion passed unanimously.

16. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall to temporarily waive the Augusta Township Zoning Ordinance Article 8 Signage, section 8.13, \$10 service fee until July 30, 2024, after this date all signs at the Township Hall will be discarded. Roll Call: Aye; Adams, Gonczy, Hall, Shelby, and Fuqua-Frey. Nay; Burek and Ortiz. Absent; none. Motion passed.
17. Motion by Shelby 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams to approve the Supervisor Report. Motion passed unanimously.
18. Motion by Gonczy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelby, to approve Warrants 27481-27560. Roll Call; Aye; Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Gonczy, Hall, Ortiz and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed.
19. Motion by Gonczy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelby, to approve the Augusta Charter Township's Quarterly Financial Reports as of June 30, 2024. Roll Call: Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Gonczy, Hall, Ortiz and Shelby. Nay; none. Absent; none. Motion passed.
20. Motion by Shelby 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams to approve the Clerks Report. Motion passed unanimously.
21. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.
22. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams to approve the Assessor's Report. Motion passed unanimously.
23. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adams to approve the Farmland Preservation Board Report. Motion passed unanimously.
24. Motion by Shelby 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gonczy to approve the Planning Commission Report. Motion passed unanimously.
25. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gonczy to approve the Zoning Code Enforcement report. Motion passed unanimously.

- 26. Public Comment Opened at 8:38 p.m. Closed at 8:55 p.m.
- 27. Motion by Shelby, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hall to adjourn. Motion Passed unanimously.
- 28. The Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

	<u>9-5-2024</u>
<del>Brian Shelby, Supervisor</del> <b>ALLAN CASPELL,</b>	Date
	<u>9-5-2024</u>
<del>Kimberly Gonczy, Clerk</del> <b>DEPUTY SUPERVISOR</b>	Date