

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on February 5, 2003 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gudith, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Gudith, Wright, Knikelbine, Shanahan and Roerig.

Also Present: Township Manager Phil Quade.

Absent: None.

Roerig asked for a moment of silence to recognize the Columbia spaceshuttle disaster.

AUDIENCE

Gudith asked to remove Al Lyon from the audience portion of the meeting as he was unable to attend, and to postpone until the 2/19/03 meeting. There was no audience comment.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Gudith asked to include *Manager's Report after Unfinished Business, Item B.*

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 1/15/03 and 1/29/03. **Motion by Knikelbine/Shanahan to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS/BUDGET TIMELINE

Motion by Gudith/Wright to accept general fund, cemetery fund, and sewer project bills in the amount of \$3,145.19. Carried unanimously. Board discussed workshop dates for completing the next fiscal year budget.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gudith reported being in touch with Senator Birkholz's office who stated we would get the results of the Attorney General's opinion on control of air boat noise next Thursday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Wolters Realty Litigation Decision. Gudith reported the board met with township attorneys and reviewed available options. **Motion by Gudith/Shanahan to appeal the judge's finding against the township and request a stay, once the final judgment is received.** Roerig commented the decision was unfair to the community's master plan. Motion to appeal carried unanimously.
- B. Township Office Connection to Sewer. Manager Quade suggested paying off the sewer special assessment utilizing the budget reserved for building improvements. **Motion by Roerig/Shanahan to expend \$7,069.57 for paying the sewer special assessment in full.** Wright stated due to owning property within the assessment district she would not vote on the motion. Motion carried 4 to 0 with Wright abstaining.
- C. Manager's Report. Quade updated Board on the possible connection of Ox-Bow to municipal sewer and water, Laketown Township's connection to sewer, and the water line construction to the contaminated triangle area.

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- D. Groundwater Testing Ordinance. Gudith reported the triangle committee will be reviewing the wording of the ordinance and would have a final draft ready for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. ZBA Vacancy Appointments. Gudith presented Board with a recommendation to move current ZBA alternate Bill Wester into the vacancy created by the term expiration of Chris Gorgas, and to appoint new alternates Shawn Powers and Dayle Harrison. **Motion by Roerig/Shanahan to accept ZBA appointments as presented.** Shanahan and Roerig complimented Gudith for the great cross-section of recommended people. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Office Networking Quotes. Wright and Knikelbine presented Board with quotes from three companies that could network the office computers and setup hardware/software for interface to the township web site. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to accept the Rious Consulting proposal for all phases of computer networking and give implementation authority to office staff for \$3,491.00.** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated he will be holding a road committee meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. where they will be reviewing the five year plan and prioritizing projects for this year.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Triangle Water Committee. No report.
- E. Fire Authority. No report.

AUDIENCE

Township Constable Ken Giles reported on liquor license checks.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**
Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, Clerk