

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

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on March 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, and Knikelbine.

Also Present: Township Manager Phil Quade.

Absent: Shanahan and Roerig.

AUDIENCE

None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Gudith asked to insert *Marty Raebel, Report on Fire District* as *New Business, Item A*.

Knikelbine asked to add under *New Business, Item F. Quote for Kitchen Remodel*.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 2/19/03. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Gudith/Wright to accept general fund and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$16,937.98. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Groundwater Testing Ordinance. Gudith reported both Allegan County Health Department Official, Bill Hinz, and Triangle Committee Chairman, Damien Jarzembowski, have been on vacation and therefore unable to review the final wording of the ordinance. Gudith asked to set the agenda item aside until the April 2, 2003 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Marty Raebel, Report on Fire District. Township Fire Board Representative reported on budget progress, retirement funding, Coast Guard boat, old fire boat, personnel committee restructuring, and mutual aid agreements. Raebel then took questions from the Board. Fire Inspector Tony Schippa was in attendance as well and answered questions pertaining to the First Responder division of the department.
- B. 2003 Poverty Guidelines. **Resolution offered by Knikelbine and supported by Wright to adopt the 2003 poverty guidelines as set by the State of Michigan.** Roll call vote: Gudith-yea, Wright-yea, Knikelbine-yea, Shanahan-absent, Roerig-absent. Gudith declared the resolution adopted 3 to 0.

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- C. Cemetery Maintenance Contract. Manager Quade presented the Board with a two year contract for Sessions Lawn Care to maintain the cemetery grounds from April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2005. Board discussed. **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to continue contracting with Sessions Lawn Care for cemetery maintenance and approve the two year contract as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- D. State Police Report. Gudith read report submitted by Trooper Andrew Jamrog which detailed the 2002 activity. Report noted the township office staffs four Troopers which handled 235 calls and 74 arrests within the township. The report also detailed calls for service in surrounding townships, the City of Saugatuck, and the Village of Douglas. Trooper Charles Bartley was in attendance and answered questions from the board.
- E. Attorney General's Opinion regarding Air Boat Noise Limits. Gudith stated the opinion does not allow for noise limits to apply to fan noise created by an air boat. Gudith has requested a house sub-committee to revise the provisions. General discussion ensued.
- F. Quote for Kitchen Remodel. Knikelbine presented the board with a quote from Apple Valley Interiors, board discussed the desire to get several more prices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Triangle Water Committee. No report, request to remove from future agendas.
- E. Fire Authority. Report given earlier in meeting.

AUDIENCE

Gerrit Sturuss asked about federal money for harbor projects. Gudith to look into it.

There being no further business, **Motion by Wright/Gudith to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.**
Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, Clerk