

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on September 17, 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, and Shanahan.

Absent: Roerig.

**AUDIENCE**

SHS government students Rachael Harrison and Jasmine Jones were introduced.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Gudith asked to add under *Unfinished Business, Item B. Truck Parking in Residential Areas.*

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 9/3/03. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to accept as presented**  
Carried unanimously.

**BILLS**

**Motion by Gudith/Wright to accept general fund, road fund, cemetery fund, and water project bills in the amount of \$282,172.16.** Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MTA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary open house invitation. Gudith read the invitation for an open house in Lansing.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Drinking water testing ordinance. Bill Hinz of Allegan County Health Department joined in discussion of the ordinance wording with the Board. The ordinance, as presented by township attorneys, addressed testing prior to the issuance of a building permit; but failed to address inclusion of water testing as part of disclosure during the sale of an existing home. Board asked Gudith to have attorneys rewrite the ordinance. Hinz then updated Board on a County mandated moratorium on new well drilling in the area from Pier Cove to Weeds Creek due to MTBE and TCE contamination.
- B. Truck parking in residential areas. Gudith updated Board on the absence of one semi truck, but the appearance of another in the same residential area. He suggested looking into an ordinance that would establish truck routes and prohibit their presence in residential areas altogether.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.

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- D. Fire Authority. Township Representative Marty Raebel invited everyone to the open house on 10/5/03, thanked Board for 4 ½” hydrant adaptations, stated the old fire boat has been sold for \$15,000 (stripped of fire equipment), and the ladder truck has a reduced price of \$9,000. He added the department has received \$5,000 in donations specifically earmarked for fire boat expenses, noted the roster has increased to 28 firefighters with 8 signed up for 1<sup>st</sup> responder classes thereby doubling the 1<sup>st</sup> responder roster. Board discussion and questions ensued and Board thanked Raebel for the update.
- E. Web Site Update. No report.
- F. Air Boat Update. Gudith reported on a bill being introduced into the State Legislature that would address controlling air boats.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.**  
Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC  
Township Clerk