

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 3, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on March 3, 2004 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: Henry Gudith, Jane Wright, and Pat Knikelbine.

Absent: Dan Shanahan, and Chris Roerig.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

AUDIENCE

None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 2/4/04. **Motion by Knikelbine/Gudith to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

Pertaining to the minutes of 2/16/04. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Wright/Gudith to accept general fund, cemetery fund, and sewer project bills in the amount of \$28,238.59. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gudith presented a letter from Jim Jeltema proposing three water connections for drinking fountains at Clearbrook Golf Course. Quade suggested the request be handled administratively, Board agreed.

MANAGERS REPORT

Quade stated he has received over 20 resumes for his position and introduced Aaron Sheridan whom he hired as an intern. Sheridan stated he is a graduate of MSU with a degree in public policy and reviewed the work he has performed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Poverty Guidelines. Knikelbine explained the need to adopt the new standards prior to the March board of review. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to adopt the mandatory guidelines for use in the determination of 2003 poverty exemptions.** Knikelbine noted the guidelines are set by the State. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Health Insurance for Retirees. Gudith stated a desire to address the agenda item with a full board present. Board discussed the possibility of holding a special meeting, Gudith will attempt to coordinate.
- C. Easement for North Pointe Commercial Plaza. Quade explained the developers request for an easement behind the township building to allow for access to the plaza from Clearbrook Drive. Board noted the absence of the developer and tabled the agenda item indefinitely.
- D. Commission Appointments. Gudith explained the need to reappoint several commissioners on three boards due to expired terms. **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to reappoint Kelly Jacobsma to the Library Board**

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for a second 4 year term to run from 10/1/2003 to 9/30/2007. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Knikelbine/Gudith to reappoint Tedd Oyler to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a second 3 year term to run from 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2006.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Gudith/Wright to reappoint Joe Milauckas to a third 3 year term to run from 7/1/2002 to 6/30/2005.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to reappoint Sandra Rausch to a third 3 year term to run from 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2006.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Gudith/Wright to reappoint Don Olendorf to a second 3 year term to run from 7/1/2003 to 6/30/2006.** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. No report.

AUDIENCE

Judith Schneider, 207 Maple St voiced concern over some Planning Commission actions and asked about the reappointments to which Wright responded the expirations were an oversight and she will be more vigilant in tracking the various terms in the future. Discussion took place as to why the individuals were reappointed instead of introducing new people. Knikelbine explained that finding individuals willing and able to sit on the commission is difficult. Wright concurred and added there is an individual that has expressed an interest, and the Board would be looking to appoint him for a vacancy that will be opening on 7/1/2004. Nick Cappaletti, 6594 Allegan St voiced concern over the commission appointments asking why there was no discussion prior to the appointments. Wright responded with the reasons for the appointments and apologized for not explaining those reasons at the time of the appointments. Gudith spoke in support of all appointments and the work of the Planning Commission. Cappaletti stated he had an unsatisfactory personal experience with the Planning Commission and asked for changes, offering his services to sit on the commission. Cappaletti then asked about paving Maple Street from Allegan Street to Blue Star. Wright stated Maple Street is a boundary street that is owned by the City. Dan Marczuk, 6173 Bayou Trail introduced himself as a 20 year resident and political science graduate of Hope College with a degree in public administration, and stated his interest on sitting on the Planning Commission. Board thanked Marczuk for his interest and attendance.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk