

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on April 7, 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, Dan Shanahan, and Chris Roerig.

Absent: Pat Knikelbine.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

**AUDIENCE**

Marty Myers thanked the Board for the truck driver situation that has been alleviated. Dennis Howell volunteered his time to paint the highway underpass columns on Old Allegan Rd to clear the graffiti. Roerig thought the State needed to be consulted. Quade stated it is an MDOT structure and he could check into what can be done. Constable Giles stated from the audience that we could utilize community service people and he would take care of the issue.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Roerig asked to add under *New Business, Item F. Recreation Consolidation Initiative*, and *Item G. Community Septic Systems*.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Gudith/Wright to approve the March 3, 2004 minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

**BILLS**

**Motion by Roerig/Gudith to accept general fund and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$10,530.85.**  
Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. S/D District Resolution. Chuck Rickett asked for support of a resolution to accept the northern portion of Manlius Township into the library district. Rickett stated they have been working on this for 2 years, adding Manlius currently is a contracting municipality due to the fact they have no library of their own. **Resolution offered by Roerig and supported by Gudith to approve the revised district library agreement that adds a portion of Manlius Township.** Roll call vote: Roerig-yea, Shanahan-yea, Wright-yea, Gudith-yea. Resolution declared adopted.
- B. Roy Hebert, Request for Extension. Gudith read letter asking for a 60 day extension to remove a non-compliant accessory structure that a client of Hebert's built. Board agreed to the requested date of removal no later than May 1, 2004.
- C. Rob and Ron Miller. Gudith stated he had met with the Millers and relayed the letter contents about the upcoming carp shoot and new rules that air boats will comply with.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Drinking Water Ordinance. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to proceed with publishing and enacting the revised ordinance.** Board discussed community acceptance of the revisions and procedures in place for achieving the desired results. Motion carried unanimously.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Multi-Governmental Sewer Agreement. Quade explained the agreement covered the issue of the City and the Township each selling 10,000 gals/day sewer capacity to Laketown Township. In turn, Laketown releases any future claim for additional capacity. **Motion by Shanahan/Gudith to approve the multi-governmental agreement.** Quade talked about additional agreements that will be forthcoming with Laketown. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Bid Tabulation for 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to accept the low bid received from Langlois & Sons for reconstruction of 126<sup>th</sup> Ave from Blue Star Hwy east to cul-de-sac.** Roerig stated the bid does not include paving. Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Roerig/Shanahan to issue a work order for paving of same.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. 2004 Dust Control. Roerig verified the list of dirt roads to apply calcium chloride for the 2004 season. **Motion by Roerig/Shanahan to issue work order for 2004 dust control as submitted.** Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Road Maintenance Renewal Millage. Wright stated the language is the same as the last 1 mill renewal request with updated figures. **Resolution offered by Wright and supported by Gudith to place a 1 mill renewal proposition for road maintenance on the August primary ballot.** Roll call vote: Gudith-yea, Shanahan-yea, Wright-yea, Roerig-yea. Resolution declared adopted.
- E. Maple Street Paving. Board discussed waiting to see if the millage renewal passes before paying the City for half of the cost. Roerig will send a letter to Gordon Gallagher.
- F. Recreation Consolidation. Roerig stated there is a proposition to move Community Recreation into the Saugatuck school system, and asked the board to think about what ramifications the proposal would have for Fennville residents and adult participants. Board discussion ensued.
- G. Community Septic Systems. Roerig stated these systems are being built all over the state and if they fail there are monetary concerns. He added before we approve any community septic systems, there should be an answer as to who is financially liable for maintaining the system, and asked about developing a policy to request an escrow. Gudith will inquire with Allegan County Health Department.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

- A. Township Manager Selection Process Update. Quade stated we have received approximately 40 resumes and all have been reviewed. He has chosen 3 worth pursuing. Board discussed money for salary, benefits to include, travel and moving expenses. Roerig suggested calling a special meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. 7:00 to review current financials and available funds. Quade added a review of the next year budget would be appropriate at that time and asked to remove the next item *B. 2005 Budget Progress* from the agenda.
- B. Technology. Board viewed the laptop computer newly purchased for recording of minutes as well as utilizing it for cemetery field reference. Roerig suggested a check out procedure before it can leave the office. Quade suggested utilizing the remaining technology funds for a software program that would allow individuals to look up tax information through the web page.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright submitted information provided by Chief Blok relating the fire district costs to other area fire departments. 12 departments were analyzed with the average cost per call being \$950 with our cost per call being \$938. Additional information was supplied that related average direct costs for medical calls

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of \$137 and \$928 for fire calls. Board reviewed all information in detail.

- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. Roerig reported the web page was temporarily down due to Iserv changing their server, but noted everything is working now. He added a new issue of the newsletter is in the works.

**AUDIENCE**

Dennis Howell stated the township was lucky Quade was a resident when assuming the role of Manager, to have somebody move here will mandate a larger wage. Howell also asked when Old Allegan Road would be improved. Roerig stated there have been multiple requests but it is a county road. He is pressing the county hard to have it done and they are exploring a number of options to minimize the impact.

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

Jane Wright, CMC  
Township Clerk