

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

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on July 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, Pat Knikelbine, Dan Shanahan, and Chris Roerig.

Absent: None.

AUDIENCE

Becky Rininger, candidate for Drain Commissioner introduced herself and spoke regarding her qualifications for the position until 7:05.

Jerry Bagierek, Community Recreation Chair, addressed the crisis facing the program since loosing funding from Laketown Township. He offered a solution to restructure the program around Saugatuck School boundaries with financial support through an extra voted school millage. Board asked questions and Bagierek explained they would continue to work towards a written understanding of how the program would be structured until 7:20.

Ed Walle, candidate for Drain Commissioner introduced himself and spoke regarding his views and plans for the position until 7:24.

Dana Magida of 126th and Blue Star, spoke in support of Ed Walle until 7:29.

MaryAlice Ritsema, candidate for District 1 County Commissioner introduced herself and spoke regarding her experiences and leadership positions previously held until 7:32.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 6/2/04. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 6/16/04. Roerig asked to change under *Unfinished Business, Item A. Retiree Eligibility Requirements*. The second to last sentence from "pending legal review of possible conflict with current policy" to "possible conflict with current retiree". **Motion by Knikelbine/Gudith to accept as amended.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Roerig/Wright to accept general fund and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$17,256.62. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fireworks Fund, request for contribution. Gudith explained in the past the Township has contributed \$500 towards the three firework shows for the area and recommended holding to that amount. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to approve a \$500.00 expenditure for the Fireworks Fund Committee.** Shanahan asked why the fireworks are being set off at West Shore now. Wright explained Coast Guard rules are difficult to comply with when using the barge for launching, and the company that performs the shows did not want to use the parking area by the Keewatin due to problems encountered during prior shows. Motion to approve the expenditure passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Zoning Text and Map Amendment Ordinance. Shanahan explained the change affects the Lakeshore area by replacing undeveloped R3 and non-agricultural A2 properties with a new R3B district to preserve open/green space and the rural character of the area. Board discussed the ramifications of the rezoning in detail. **Motion by Wright/Shanahan to enact the zoning ordinance amendment #2004-02 as presented.** Knikelbine verified lots of record would stand. Motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported a public hearing was held by the County Road Commission for the purpose of discussing a natural beauty road status for 131st and 62nd. Roerig stated the decision is under the jurisdiction of the County, but pending the outcome of the natural beauty status the project of repaving those roads will either proceed or discontinue.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the public hearing on the 2004/2005 fire budget was held on June 28th with the same millage of 1.4531 as the previous two years being proposed to fund the budget. She added there were no objections during the public hearing and the Fire Board adopted the budget during a special meeting immediately following the hearing.
- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. No report.

AUDIENCE

Dana Magida asked who is paying for the paving of 126th Ave. Roerig stated the money comes from the extra voted road millage all township residents pay for. Garret Sturris asked why the City did not pave the rest of Allegan Road when the Township did the section between Blue Star and Maple St. Wright stated she believed the City expended their road funds with the paving of Lake St.

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

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk