

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on January 5, 2005 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, Chris Roerig, and Damien Jarzembowski.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

AUDIENCE

- A. Fire Board Representative, Marty Raebel, summarized the 2004 calls, interview process for appointing a new At-Large member, and progress to date on hiring a new Fire Inspector.
- B. Gudith introduced 2 students in attendance, Ashley Troutman and Ryan Crispbell.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 12/1/04. **Motion by Knikelbine/Jarzembowski to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to accept general fund, road fund, and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$171,194.84. Roerig explained the \$157,649.97 for road fund bills finished two road projects. Motion to approve bills carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Requesting DNR Assistance with Airboat Noise. Gudith presented resolution language that would request the DNR hold a public hearing to inquire into the need for special local watercraft controls over the noise emitted from airboats on the Kalamazoo River. **Resolution offered by Gudith and supported by Wright.** Roll call vote resulted in unanimous adoption.
- B. Ordinance to Repeal Group Insurance & Pension Plan. Quade stated both the insurance and pension plans are written into the township ordinances when it is not necessary to adopt an ordinance for these items but rather enact them with board action, and suggested ordinance language that would repeal both ordinances. **Ordinance of repeal offered by Wright and supported by Knikelbine.** Roerig verified attorney approval of the ordinance. Roll call vote resulted in unanimous adoption.
- C. Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Employees. Board discussed the policy of paying for health insurance and alternative options, including possible co-pays and other carriers. Quade noted the annual renewal was coming up and Board agreed to look into the new rates as well as alternative plans before moving forward with a new policy.
- D. Non-Motorized Trail Estimate. Quade presented the Board with costs to construct a bike path from the Saugatuck/Laketown township boarder on 64th St. to the Township/City boarder on Holland St. He added that once the design work was done he could submit a grant request for funds. Board agreed to review the two estimates and address the design cost at the next meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to apply for grant money for voting equipment. Wright stated the resolution will enable the County to apply for federal HAVA grant money to purchase new state wide uniform voting equipment. **Resolution offered by Wright and supported by Roerig.** Roll call vote resulted in unanimous adoption.
- B. Saugatuck Public Schools, request for summer tax collection. Knikelbine explained each year we have agreed to collect ½ the school tax on a summer tax bill for an administrative fee of \$3.23 per parcel. **Motion by Knikelbine/Gudith to collect ½ SPS tax on a summer bill.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution for Laketown Twp agreement for sewer. Quade presented language that would sell 10,000 gallons per day of the township's sewer capacity in the wastewater treatment plant and use of the township's existing force main and pump stations. Board discussion took place regarding a contingent amendment to the 1998 water agreement with Laketown. **Resolution to enter into the agreement was offered by Knikelbine and supported by Gudith.** Roll call vote resulted in unanimous adoption.
- D. Board of Review Training. Gudith reported this would address annual training for the Board of Review members. **Motion by Gudith/Roerig to approve \$220 for training of BOR members and the Assessor.** Knikelbine asked if the City of the Village of Douglas was aware of the training opportunity. Quade stated they are, and they would have their members present during our March board of review to rule on Douglas parcels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported on the December 15th meeting to review the Wolters Realty request to rezone their parcel near M89 and Blue Star, stating the Commission unanimously denied the request to rezone to C3. He added the commission is considering a new tree preservation ordinance. Board discussion took place and it was agreed to ask the Planning Commission to attend a joint workshop meeting before the next board meeting on February 2.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported the Board approved sending Director Cherie Giller to the annual legislative conference.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. No report.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk