

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on September 7, 2005 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gudith, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Henry Gudith, Jane Wright, and Chris Roerig.

Absent: Pat Knikelbine and Damien Jarzembowski.

AUDIENCE

- A. Gordon Gallagher, Saugatuck City Manager stated he would like to talk with the Board about police responses in the township. Board requested data from the City in order to evaluate the benefit to cost ratio.
- B. Dan Shanahan, Sr. suggested rezoning the North portion of the Denison property to commercial.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 8/3/05, **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Wright presented the board with 4 additional bills received after packets were sent out. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to accept total expenditures of \$64,250.30.** Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. General Fund Millage Resolution. Wright offered ballot language, as submitted by the township attorney, to renew the allocated general operating millage. **Resolution to submit an additional operating millage proposition to the electors of the Township at the general election on November 8, 2005 was offered by Gudith and supported by Wright.** Roll call vote: Roerig-no, Wright-yes, Gudith-yes. Resolution declared adopted.
- B. Rezoning Request. **Motion by Gudith/Wright to support the Planning Commission's decision to deny the rezoning request.** Wright stated the property along Riverside Road is valuable in its natural state. Property owner David Calvano was present in the audience and stated rezoning the property from A-2 to R-2 would allow construction of steps and docks, enabling access to the river. Roerig stated zoning judgments should not be made on water levels or property values. Planning Commission Chair Jim Hanson was present and confirmed the reasons for denial. Discussion took place as to the zoning and uses of adjacent properties as well as other parameters used for rezoning. The question was called and the motion failed with Gudith voting yes and Wright and Roerig voting no. Wright stated she would contact the Township Attorney for advice as to how to proceed with the rezoning request.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recycle Surcharge Contract Renewal. Wright explained the 5 year contract is a renewal of the expiring contract with the County that authorizes the curbside recycle program. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to approve the 2005-2010 recycle contract with Allegan County and collect a surcharge of \$25 per household.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Zoning Administrator Request for Salary Increase. Wright stated she preferred to address any salary issues with a full board present. Gudith concurred and the issue was tabled to next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No Report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated they are looking at potential projects for next year and will have some work order recommendations for the next meeting.
- C. Interurban. No Report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated they are busy closing the FEMA grant and the annual audit is currently being performed.
- E. Website & Newsletter Updates. Wright noted the website has been upgraded with a true static IP address.

AUDIENCE

None

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk