

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on January 4, 2006 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gudith, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Henry Gudith, Jane Wright, Pat Knikelbine, Chris Roerig, and Damien Jarzembowski.

Absent: None.

AUDIENCE

None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Gudith added under *Correspondence, Item C. Pete Palazzolo, Response to Non-Conforming Issue.*

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 12/7/05, **Motion by Gudith/Jarzembowski to accept as presented.**

Carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Wright stated she received 2 additional bills after packets went out. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to accept total expenditures of \$9,713.93.** Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. McShane & Bowie, Challenge to Rezoning proposal. Gudith stated the letter was regarding the potential re-zoning of a portion of a parcel adjacent to I-196 at exit 41. Attorney for owner Joseph Jannotta wrote they are against the proposed change from C-3 to R-1 by the Planning Commission. PC Chair Hansen was present in the audience and stated the reason for the change is to square the division line evenly.
- B. John & Pat Huyge, Non-Conforming Property Issue. Gudith stated the letter was in regard to Palazzolo's Gourmet Ice Cream business and changes the owner has made to the property. Board agreed the issue should be addressed by the Zoning Administrator.
- C. Pete Palazzolo, Response to Non-Conforming Issue. Board referred issue to the ZA.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Rom Vano, Request to Rezone from A-2 to R-2. Gudith noted the property is on 130th known as Peachcreek. Wright stated the County PC was incorrect in stating the rezone does not comply with the tri-community master plan and disagreed with their statement the Township PC and Board were at odds over the matter. **Motion by Gudith/Roerig to approve the rezoning of parcel #0320-023-012-00 from A-2 to R-2.** Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for New "Used Vehicle Dealer" License. Wright stated the State requires municipality approval before issuing a new or renewal license. Roerig verified this is a new used vehicle business located on Jack Wilson Drive by the K.L.S.W.A. building. Board discussed the dealer's intention of no outside storage, but desired to receive a clear statement from the dealer. Decision to table until the next meeting and ask dealer to attend.
- B. Request for Renewal of "Used Vehicle Dealer" License. Wright noted this is a renewal for Charlie's Used Cars on Old Allegan Road and that the business is grandfathered in under

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the current zoning requirements. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to approve the renewal of Charlie's Used Cars vehicle dealer license.** Carried unanimously.

- C. General Fund Millage Election Results. Gudith stated we simply lost the election.
- D. 2005 building Permit Summary. Gudith stated Building Inspector/ZA Al Ellingsen has submitted the annual report adding it is informational only and copies are available for interested parties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. Chair Hansen stated they have approved the township portion Meadow Argus subdivision contingent upon Douglas' approval for their portion. He added the attorney is in the final stages of approving the new proposed ordinances the commission has been working on.
- B. Road Commission. No Report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine noted ridership was up 19.9% in November, and the bus will run the evening of Mardi Gras on a trial basis.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated new by-laws have been approved with a change to the Deputy Fire Chief position and appointing Greg Janik to that position. The Fire Board is currently working on a personnel handbook.
- E. Website & Newsletter Updates. No Report.

AUDIENCE

State Trooper George Duncan informed everyone of the addition of a 4th trooper to the detachment working out of the township office. He stated with the addition they will be running 7 days a week. Duncan added a trooper will be attending township meetings to submit monthly reports and be available for questions. They will also take addresses for vacationing township residents to perform security checks on their homes.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Jarzembowski to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.**
Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk