

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Clerk Wright called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig, Trustee Damien Jarzembowski, Deputy Supervisor Bill Wester.

Members absent: None.

Also present: Manager Phil Quade.

Wright opened the public hearing stating the purpose was to receive public comments and answer questions on the 2006/2007 proposed budget. Having no public comment she closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 7:02.

Public comment began with 3 candidates for District Court Judge. Marge Bakker spoke until 7:04, Fred Anderson until 7:07, and Joseph Skocelas until 7:14. Having no further comments, public comment ended at 7:14 p.m.

Wright brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval:

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO ROAD COMMISSION through WESTERN INSURANCE AGENCY.
Total to be paid \$49,264.96
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. May 3, 2006 Regular Township Board Meeting
 - ii. May 25, 2006 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Jarzembowski to approve the agenda as presented, Carried.

Correspondence:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

- A. 2005/2006 Budget Amendments. Wright presented a motion prepared by Manager Quade that, if adopted, would increase revenues and expenditures by \$28,800 thereby closing the fiscal year with no over-expended departments. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt the 2005/2006 General Fund budget amendments as presented.** Carried unanimously.

- B. Adopt 2006/2007 Budget. Wright stated the public hearing revealed no objections to the proposed budget and asked for a motion to support the budget. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Jarzembowski to adopt the 2006/2007 budget as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Resignation of Supervisor Hank Gudith. Wright stated Gudith submitted a letter of resignation on May 30th and recited required procedure for replacing the Supervisor. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to accept the resignation from Henry Gudith as Township Supervisor.** Roerig stated he will be sorely missed. Carried unanimously.
- D. Appointment of Expiring Commission Members. Knikelbine suggested placing an ad in the local newspaper seeking interested individuals for both the appointments and a new Supervisor. Wright suggested holding a special meeting to interview any respondents. Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 28th at 6:00 pm. and offer nominations at the next regular meeting to be held on July 5th.
- E. Resolution Authorizing the Construction of a Non-Motorized Trail. Manager Quade elaborated on the process that will result in the construction of the first non-motorized trail in the township and will connect the City of Saugatuck to Grand Haven as soon as Laketown Township completes the trail detailed in their master plan. He added the trail has a completion date of June 15, 2007. Knikelbine verified the trail has to be 10' wide due to the use of federal funds. Jarzembowski stated it would be great for the area and, with the exception of 3 property owners, construction will be within the public right-of-way. Quade stated that even though it is in the public right-of-way if people are concerned about a tree, we will work with them. Wright asked if notifications will be mailed to affected property owners. Quade responded yes, a public hearing will be held sometime in September where not only the property owners, but interested public will be invited to attend and ask questions or give comments. Roerig suggested requesting a digital map from the engineers and posting it on the web site. **Motion by Roerig, second by Jarzembowski to accept the resolution authorizing CMAQ funds to be used in partnership with the township to construct a non-motorized trail as submitted.** Resolution carried 4 to 0 and declared adopted.
- F. Indian Point Condominium Project Resolutions. Quade presented two contracts approved by the Township Attorney that would satisfy some of the requirements the Planning Commission requested for the project to proceed, but noted the documents would need to be revised to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to sign. **Motion by Roerig, second by Knikelbine to authorize the Clerk and Treasurer to sign the Indian Point Project resolutions.** Carried unanimously. Knikelbine verified the water and sewer contract only acknowledges that if sometime in the future water and sewer becomes available, the project recognizes they will be required to connect. **Motion by Wright, second by Roerig to adopt the Indian Point Condominium Project resolutions as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- G. Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones Invoice. Deputy Supervisor Bill Wester explained the bill was reduced but is now due. He added they will accept ½ payment now and ½ payment next month. Board discussion ensued. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to authorize the payment of the bill based on terms negotiated by the Deputy Supervisor and Clerk.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported a public meeting will be held to receive comments on the Old Allegan Road resurfacing from Blue Star Hwy to 133rd Ave. on June 26th at the High School.
- C. Interurban. No report.

- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated the Fire Board will be holding their public hearing for the 2006/2007 budget on Monday, June 12th, and the new tanker truck has been ordered.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. Roerig reiterated the website will need to be updated with a map of the proposed non-motorized trail.
- F. Michigan State Police Report. No report.

Public comment was offered. Scott Schwochow stated the bike path will be going right through his front yard and he is not happy. Board answered questions and took comments from Schwochow until 8:13. Additional public comment was taken.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Roerig, seconded by Wright to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Deputy Supervisor

Date