

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

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

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

Members absent: None.

Also present: Manger Phil Quade, Assessor Sherry Mason, and County Equalization Director Blaine McLeod.

Public comments were offered. Don Maeder of 6383 126th Ave spoke in support of outdoor wood-burning boilers in a rural setting. Gerry Maeder of 6383 126th Ave voiced concern with the proposed farm labor housing at 126th and 62nd. Public comment ended at 7:08 p.m.

Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval:

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. AD BOS through SIEGFRIED CRANDALL
Total to be paid \$20,214.05
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. September 6, 2006 Regular Township Board Meeting

Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Roerig to approve the agenda with additional bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A. Ponderosa Nursery, Holiday Decorations for Township Hall. Wright explained the company has decorated the hall in the past and is proposing to do so again for the same price. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Jarzembowski to hire Ponderosa Nursery for holiday decoration of the township office for \$234.00 to be split 50/50 with tenant Dr. Wiley.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Jet Construction, Request for Sewer System Maintenance. Jarzembowski noted the request is for the Township to pass a resolution assuming responsibility for operating and maintaining the sewerage system in the event the owner/operator becomes insolvent. Board discussed the status of the condominium community drain field and agreed the township should not assume the financial responsibility. **Motion by Jarzembowski, seconded by Knikelbine to deny the resolution request for financial responsibility of the Serenity Pines community drain field.** Carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Update on 126th and 62nd Farm Labor Housing. Roerig noted concern from residents in the area and stated a compromise with the land owners is needed. He added the housing of farm labor is permitted in the area, but single wide trailers are not. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright**

to request Zoning Administrator Al Ellingsen send a letter to owners requiring compliance with the current zoning ordinances. Board discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Assessor Sherry Mason, 14 Point Review. Wester introduced Mason, Quade, and McLeod. Mason notified the Board of assessing tasks that need to be performed to comply with the State Tax Commission’s requirements and offered options for compliance. McLeod explained how the State would audit the Township’s practices. Quade noted the need to ensure all tax parcels are equitably assessed and additional labor would be necessary to bring all records up to date. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Jarzembowski to authorize Quade and Mason to seek bids for measuring, photographing, and mapping of township properties.** Additional discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Outdoor Wood Boilers. Wester stated there has been a complaint due to obnoxious odors from an OWB and asked direction from the Board. Roerig felt it should fall under an existing nuisance ordinance. Jarzembowski noted the reasons to avoid OWB’s. Board discussed the issue at length with Wester agreeing to request the Zoning Administrator address the issue as a nuisance.
- C. Allegan County Road Commission, Winter Snowplowing. Roerig stated the commission will be reducing service due to funding constraints and although understandable, he voiced his displeasure with the decision.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported on a project site inspection where the developer showed a lack of responsibility and cut trees on the adjoining DEQ property. He also reported on activity at exit 36 where the developer used 2 sets of plans which caused a problem with fire hydrants. PC approved a home improvement store at exit 41.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported the base coat for Old Allegan Road is done and the finish coat will be put on when the rain subsides.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the new tanker truck is scheduled for delivery on Friday. Also Fire Prevention Week is next week with an open house set for Sunday.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. No report.

Public comment was offered. Gerry Maeder asked if developers are not required to post performance bonds. Wester stated no, but board discussed the potential. Don Maeder asked if the right to farm act wouldn’t cover a set number of workers per acre and does the owner need to live on the farm. Wester stated we would continue to look into the situation.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Knikelbine, seconded by Wester to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date