

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2007, 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.

Public comments were offered. Hearing none, Wester closed public comment.

Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLIED WASTE through CITY OF ZEELAND.
Total to be paid \$7,050.93
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. March 7, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. Harold and Connie Krupka, Request to waive ZBA fee. Wright stated during a previous meeting the Board made the decision to require Krupka to adhere to current zoning requirements for their proposed migrant farm worker housing on 62nd and 126th Ave. She added this requirement compelled them to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals to request a variance allowing the proposed single wide trailers. The letter before the Board asked to waive the \$350 fee required to go before the ZBA. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to deny the request.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Todd Martinson, Request to reimburse rezoning expenses. Wester summarized the letter which stated Millennium Property Developers felt they were overcharged for their rezoning request and asked the township to issue a check for \$3,402.94. He added the Zoning Administrator responded to the letter with his own statement justifying the consolidated fee resolution used in processing any formal action by the Township. Wright stated excess costs were incurred for attorney and planner services, which were reimbursed by the applicant, as is stipulated by the consolidated fee resolution. She added all applicants are required to reimburse the township for those service fees. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Jarzembowski to deny the request for reimbursement.** Carried unanimously.

- C. Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, Heritage Preservation Award. Wester noted the Society has designated the Saugatuck Township Board and Saugatuck Township Planning Commission to receive an award in the category "Preservation of the Historic Built Environment – Blue Star Commercial District". He added that PC Chair Jim Hanson, Trustee Chris Roerig, and he will be attending the meeting to receive the award.
- D. Donald Schipper, Request to enact a Civil Rights Ordinance. Wester presented proposed ordinance language that would create a community relations commission to review alleged violations to resident's civil rights. He stated there were several issues with the proposed language and board discussion ensued. Wright suggested having the Township Manager re-write the language to maintain consistency with existing policy and enforcement. Additional discussion took place and there was a **motion by Jarzembowski, seconded by Knikelbine to table the Civil Rights Ordinance until revised language can be presented.** Carried unanimously.
- E. Joseph Jablonski, Roadside Mowing Proposal. Roerig verified the County pays Jablonski for one mowing of county, local and primary roadsides within the township, and asked if we need a second mowing. Knikelbine suggested waiting until after the first mowing to make a decision. Discussion took place and Board agreed to defer the proposal until July.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Joint Planning Committee Appointments. Roerig asked if there were recommendations for the appointments. Wright verified there have been 4 individuals recommended for the 3 positions available, but noted the PC Chair Jim Hanson was previously appointed in January. Knikelbine stated she would like to see 2 planning commission members and a board member sit on the committee. Wester stated Hanson recommended Joe Milaukas as the other PC member and Jane Wright as the board member, but included Sandy Rausch as a desirable PC member that is willing to attend committee meetings. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Jarzembowski to appoint Joe Milaukas and Jane Wright along with previously appointed Jim Hanson to the Joint Planning Committee with Sandy Rausch as an alternate.** Carried 4-0 with Wright abstaining.
- B. Chris Wiley Lease Agreement. Wright stated the dentist's 15 year lease agreement to the adjoining office is due to terminate on June 30th. She added there has been 2 years of communication to the dentist not to renew the lease, but to allow the Michigan State Police to occupy the office thus giving them the ability to expand the trooper base. Board discussed options if the dentist is not able to vacate at the time of lease termination, and the value of having the MSP operate out of the township building.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski and PC Chair Jim Hanson reported on the Rivers Edge subdivision located off of Old Allegan Road, site condo approval on docks, and Atlas Oil taking over development of a gas station at exit 36.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported February ridership was 3,225 which is up 10.2% and noted the upcoming May 8th election will include a millage renewal for the bus system.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. Roerig noted a need to include the latest minutes.

F. County Commissioner's Report. Terry Burns updated the board on the activities of the County.

Public comment was offered. Jim Hanson thanked the Board for the Joint Planning Committee appointments and spoke in support of the Interurban millage renewal. Todd Martinson noted his late arrival and asked what decision was made in regard to his request for reimbursement. Wester informed him the vote was to deny the request. Andrew Leach questioned the civil rights ordinance, the need for roadside mowing, and the lease termination. Having no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date