

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 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. Gerry Maeder, Don Maeder, Richard Runowski, Bill Alwin, Rex Felker, Niel Carlson, and Charlene Felker all spoke against the proposed migrant farm labor housing on 126th Ave. that will be coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals. Andrew Leach, Mark Steele, and Tim Leach questioned the need for the proposed civil rights ordinance. Herb Bills spoke in support of the civil rights ordinance. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:35.

Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO. L.I.S. through WEST MICHIGAN LASER.
Total to be paid \$105,700.48
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. April 4, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting
 - ii. April 18, 2007 Special Township Board Meeting
 - iii. April 26, 2007 Special Township Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. Luke & Shelle Vandenberg, Request for Temporary Permit. Wester stated the owner of Dunes View was notified by the Township Zoning Administrator that seasonal sales are not allowed, and the Vandenberg's are asking to sell 4th of July fireworks at the location. Wester called upon Jim Hanson, PC Chairman to explain the zoning restrictions. Hanson suggested implementing a temporary permit through a peddler license. Board agreed to have the Zoning Administrator investigate options.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposed Civil Rights Ordinance. Board discussed the re-written ordinance language. Roerig cited a concern over the enforcement and questioned if it should be a function of the township to enforce. Knikelbine and Wester agreed and additional discussion took place regarding civil infraction violations. Herb Bills, who submitted the original request, was present in the audience and stated he was not as concerned over the enforcement but rather the policy of the township to record violations of civil rights. Board agreed a statement from the township that supports civil rights would be appropriate and Jarzembowski suggested adopting a resolution. Board agreed to have the Manager re-write the ordinance in resolution form and re-submit at the next meeting. Wester noted the township is very open-minded and supportive of individual civil rights.
- B. Chris Wiley Lease. Wester stated the dentist will be moving out and a temporary lease agreement has been drafted. He added when the adjoining office has been vacated, the State Police will move into that space and the meeting room will be enlarged.

New Business:

- A. Douglas Division of Assets Settlement. Roerig stated there was a discrepancy between Douglas and the Township as to how much money should be paid to Douglas due to their changing to a city. He noted the mediation process both municipalities participated in, and reported on settling out of court.
- B. South Shore Motors, Request for Used Vehicle Dealer Approval. Wright stated this is a request to transfer a used vehicle dealer license. Jarzembowski noted cars will not be displayed but rather sold through the internet. Wester asked to attach that requirement to the license transfer. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the Clerk to sign the transfer of license for South Shore Motors approving the license transfer only and not the display of vehicles.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. 2006 Tax Settlement Totals. Knikelbine submitted the County's settlement report and noted that Saugatuck Township was the top municipality for non-delinquent property tax payments stated only 1.69% of the property taxes went delinquent to the County.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski and PC Chair Jim Hanson reported the approval of a retail sporting goods store. The special approval use for the Saugatuck Professional Building, and the Ox-Bow expansion were tabled.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig noted the 2nd phase of the Old Allegan Road rebuilding will commence this summer thereby completing the project.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported approving a training seminar for the maintenance man in June, and ridership for March was up 6.5%.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the Board is close to finalizing the budget for 2007/2008. The proposed millage will remain the same as the last two years and will be presented for municipality approval at the next meeting.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Terry Burns updated the board on the activities of the County.

Public comment was offered. Jim Hanson stated the Planning Commission has approved some additional zoning ordinances and briefly described them. He also noted the first meeting of the

Joint Planning Committee will be held June 12th and will address the Board in June with an annual report. Richard Runowski asked what the Planning Commission could do to prohibit migrant housing. Hanson reported they can set the minimum size for a farm, enforce burms and setbacks, and require housing to meet the current minimum standards with a new ordinance currently being prepared. Additional discussion ensued regarding the migrant housing issue. Jarzembowski identified a need for State Police donations to purchase portable defibrillators. Having no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Jarzembowski to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date