

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 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 Chris Roerig. Also present, Manager Phil Quade.

Members absent: Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Wester noted the reason for the public hearing was to receive questions and/or comments on the proposed budget. He then opened the public hearing and asked for comments. Hearing none, there was a **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to close the public hearing.** Carried unanimously.

Wester opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Al Kercinik, 3325 Coppice Court, discussed a drainage problem within the Pheasant Woods development off of Old Allegan Road. Wester stated he has discussed the issue with the Building Inspector and is continuing to investigate a catch basin within the subdivision that may have been covered over. Linda Charvat, Anita Pierson, and Bruce Simonson all of Old Allegan Road cited air quality issues due to a neighbor's outdoor wood boiler and asked the Township to consider a ban. Board discussed the properties of OWB's and reiterated the owner would be cited if a nuisance is observed. Roerig suggested meeting with the property owner to negotiate a settlement. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:25.

Approval of Agenda: Wright asked to remove from New Business, Item D. Planning Commission Annual Report, noting the report will be presented at the July meeting. Wester asked to add New Business, Item F. Meeting Date for July. Wester then brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLIED WASTE SERVICE through WILKINS HARDWARE.
Total to be paid \$39,553.98
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. May 2, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Review

Motion by Wright, seconded by Roerig to approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A. Request Permission for Fireworks Display on Lakeshore Drive. Wright stated a landowner is requesting township permission for a small firework show on June 9th. She added the Zoning Administrator relayed the need for a motion of the board to comply with township ordinance. Roerig asked if the Fire Chief has given approval. Wright stated the pyrotechnic company performing the show has received a permit from the Coast Guard, verbal permission from the Fire Chief, and listed the township as additional insured on a liability insurance policy. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to authorize the Clerk to give township permission for Captain Boom, LLC to perform a fireworks display if applicant has received all other permit approvals and lists the township as additional insured on their policy.** Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. 2006/2007 Budget Amendments. Quade explained the need to amend the budget before June 30th to remain compliant with state law and described each departmental adjustment proposed. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to accept the budget amendments dated 5/30/2007 as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review and Adopt the 2007/2008 Budget. Quade stated the budget has been available for questions or comments for several weeks. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt the 2007/2008 Saugatuck Township annual budget as presented.** Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Wright-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes. Wester declared the motion carried 4-0 and the budget adopted. Quade noted the need for an additional motion to adopt the salary resolution for elected officials. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt the 2007/2008 salary resolution as presented.** Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Wright-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes. Wester declared the motion adopted.
- C. Review and Approve the 2007/2008 Fire District Budget. Wright noted Bill Kaye, Fire Board Chairman, was present in the audience if there were questions on the proposed budget. She added it was an excellent budget in her opinion and commended the Fire Board for holding the same millage rate for 3 years which reflects a reduction in millage from 4 years ago. Roerig agreed and made a **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to approve the proposed 2007/2008 annual budget for the Saugatuck Township Fire District as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- D. MSP Request for Funds. Wester introduced Michigan State Troopers Nate Grant and George Duncan who addressed the audience and board. Grant stated the post is in the process of raising funds to purchase lifesaving automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). He added they are trying to purchase 2 units for the local post and the model desired would be compatible with AMR at a cost of \$2,170 each. Additional information was given and discussion about the use of the units took place. Wright suggested the township approve the purchase of one unit and gather donated funds from the community for the purchase of a second unit. Roerig offered to donate his net paycheck until enough funds are gathered for the second unit. Wester offered to donate his 3% pay increase to the fund and Knikelbine, Quade, and members of the audience came forward with cash in the amount of \$87.00 to start the fund. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to**

expend \$2,170 from the community promotion budget for the purchase of a Medtronic Lifepak 1000 defibrillator for the sole use of the Michigan State Police Saugatuck Detachment Post. Carried unanimously.

- E. July Meeting Date. Wester noted the date for the regular meeting in July falls on the 4th. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to move the July regular meeting to the 11th.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated they will be holding public meetings for Bradley Road paving on June 11th and Old Allegan Road completion on June 26th.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported a 12.3% increase in ridership, an upgrade to the building security system, the purchase of a new bus, and the seasonal start for the parking shuttle.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. Wright stated the newsletter is currently being written and will be included with the summer tax bills.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Terry Burns updated the board on the activities of the county and presented a pamphlet on the Commission on Aging to care for seniors in the county and noted it is available for those in need.

Public comment was offered. Andrew Leach, 2897 64th stated burning a renewable fuel such as wood is not more polluting than burning fossil fuels as was stated during the first public comment. Having no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date