

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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, and Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Members absent excused: Trustee Chris Roerig.

Wester opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Jacqueline Carey noted a petition that had been submitted showing 13 of the 24 residents along Bradley Road against the project. Dick Waskin stated he respects the opinions of his neighbors, but urged to proceed with the project of paving Bradley Road. Tina Oonk asked for more concessions to the proposed paving project. Mike Oonk stated he would be in favor of the project if they just paved the existing road. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:08.

Approval of Agenda: Wester then brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLIED WASTE through XTREME CLEANING
Total to be paid \$10,901.08
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 11, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting

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

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Mary Jones, Recycling Coordinator, Update on Recycling Program. Jones updated board on the program noting the contract with Allied Waste is good until August 2010. She stated they collected 4200 tons of residential materials, 6 tons of hazardous waste, 55 tons of appliances, and 46 tons of tires last year. She added the new flyer indicates additional materials they are able to collect now such as plastic grocery carry out bags and green and brown glass.

- B. Bradley Road Bids, Approve Low Bid or Cancel Work Order. Wester read additional correspondence received including a petition signed by the majority of property owners stating opposition to the proposed project. Quade stated if we cancel the work order we will have to pay \$8,500 for design work and a presently unknown amount to the County for preliminary surveying. Wester verified the project would not affect postal deliveries. Quade stated there are 3 existing water service lines that would not survive road construction and the project would include upgrading the water service with a 6" iron ductile water main and fire hydrant. Wright stated in light of the petition, the board needs to listen to the constituents and cancel the project. Wester cited concern for future development. Knikelbine stated the board has an obligation to consider the health, safety and welfare of the constituents. Wester noted in 2006 the township received a request to pave the road and when presented with an opinion survey, the majority of residents agreed to the project. Wright replied people have the option of changing their mind, adding if they don't want the project why should it be forced upon them. Jarzembowski agreed that majority should rule, but noted there is an issue of safety. Additional discussion took place regarding how many trees would be removed and residents viewed the engineering plans. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Jarzembowski to cancel the work order.** Motion was denied by a 2 to 2 vote with Wester and Knikelbine voting against the motion. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Jarzembowski to approve the low bid of Brenner Excavating and to proceed with the Bradley road project.** Motion was denied by a 2 to 2 vote with Wright and Jarzembowski voting against the motion. Quade noted due to the absence of Trustee Roerig the board was deadlocked and a special meeting would be required. Wester will arrange a date and Wright will inform and post the meeting.
- C. Road Work Order for 127th Ave. Quade stated the work order is to rebuild and pave 1 ½ miles of 127th Ave from 60th St. to 63rd St. Wright verified the residents are in favor of the project. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Jarzembowski to approve the work order to rebuild and pave 127th Ave. from 60th St. to 63rd St.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Library Board Appointment. Wright stated a township representative on the library board is seeking replacement and they are recommending Donna Nowak to complete Kelly Jacobsma's term due to expire September 30, 2011. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to appoint Donna Nowak as a replacement for Kelly Jacobsma on the library board for a term to run from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2011.** Carried unanimously.
- E. Al Ellingsen, Request for Education Conference Funds. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Jarzembowski to approve \$240 to send Building Inspector/Z.A. Al Ellingsen to the annual fall educational conference at Crystal Mountain Conference Center.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported discussions are ongoing with Jet Construction regarding the Chestnut Lane development. He added the farm labor housing ordinance currently being written was tabled, and they elected officers.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the department is looking to purchase a used pumper truck located in Pennsylvania. The purchase was scheduled for next year, but the department found a repossessed truck that has a potential to save thousands of dollars. She added the department would sell the oldest truck after the purchase is complete.

- E. Website & Newsletter Update. Knikelbine stated tax and assessing information has been available on the website for some time, and last year there were 4,609 hits. Board noted it is a widely used tool for the public.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns updated board with ongoing work at the county.

Public comment was offered. Andrew Leach inquired as to the passing of the non-discrimination ordinance, board discussed the process taken. Having no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date