

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Members absent excused: Treasurer Pat Knikelbine.

Wester opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Hearing none, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:02.

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

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO LIS through XTREME CLEANING
Total to be paid \$34,348.42
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 18, 2007 Special Township Joint Board/PC Meeting
 - ii. August 1, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting
 - iii. August 6, 2007 Special Township Board Meeting

Wester asked to add under “New Business, Item A. River Bluff Park”. Roerig asked to add under “New Business, Item B. Employee Insurance”. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Jarzembowski to approve the agenda with additional bills as amended.** Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Dick Waskin, Bradley Road. Wester read letter supporting the board decision to pave Bradley Road.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. River Bluff Park. Wester showed pictures of the recent improvements to River Bluff Park including a new swing set, trail woodchips, and additional clearing.
- B. Employee Insurance. Roerig stated it is his opinion that any changes to employee insurance should be part of the budget approval process and asked if the additions being implemented would fall under next years budget. Wright stated no, the additions would become effective October 1st and would impact the current budget. She added the driving force behind the

additions was that an employee covered under spousal insurance had the insurance terminated due to her spouse's lay-off and that caused a complete review for 3 full time employees. Roerig stated the reason some of these employees were hired was due to the fact they were not requiring insurance and would be inexpensive. He added if situations change it should be a board decision to approve benefits. Board discussion took place at length and the decision was made to review the approval process further.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski updated board on some current decisions including a home occupation permit for the Hess property on Old Allegan Rd., Chestnut Lane site condo approval with conditions, and continued work on a farm labor housing ordinance.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the department has received a portion of the FEMA grant money, and used it to purchase a mule ATV and trailer for access to the dunes. She added additional money is expected and will be used to purchase 20 lengths of large diameter hose and a Compress Air Foam System (CAFS) to be outfitted on one of the fire trucks. She also reported the purchase of a used pumper truck is hoped to be completed by the end of the month.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. No report.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns updated board with ongoing work at the county.

Public comment was offered. Dayle Harrison suggested creating a legal committee to help brainstorm against lawsuits brought against the township. Jim Hanson commended Roerig on the road improvements made by the committee. Jarzembowski suggested improving the marketing before a road project begins to minimize concerns. Andrew Leach stated he was interested in Terry Burns' proposed resolution banning benefits to illegal aliens. General discussion took place regarding illegal aliens. Having no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to adjourned at 8:02 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date