

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members absent: None.

Public Comment: Nicolette McClure stated she is running for US Congress and presented her views. Janet Rund thanked the board and stated her support for the upcoming millage. Kathy Roper echoed Rund's comments. Doug Gritter asked the Board to attend to an unfinished home condition and supported development of the McClendon property. Al Kercinik asked the Board to be stringent with building codes. Larry Sybesma stated the McClendon development will positively impact the entire area and the Board should re-consider the tax millage. Larry Dickie supported the effort to pass the millage and presented a financial donation to the Township. Jon Helmrich stated he is part of the Citizens in Support of Saugatuck Township group and presented a financial donation to the Township. Wendell Garvelink stated he supports the millage. Mary Ann Glane asked if the R4 zoning was directed specifically to one property and Hanson responded no. She asked if the Board refused plans for development and Hanson responded no. She asked if the Board has negotiated with McClendon and Wester responded yes. Glane stated she supports the R4 zoning and upcoming millage and made a financial donation to the Township. Charley Glane noted his interest in local government and appreciated the Board is listening to voters. Dayle Harrison gave an overview of the financial impact should McClendon receive the requested reduction in his taxable values. Donna Leonard stated she is not against development, just favors responsible development in line with the Tri-Community Master Plan and presented a financial donation to the Township. Mark Baker stated he is compelled to support the millage adding it is prudent and well founded and presented a financial donation to the Township. Sheldon Wettack stated he supports the existing zoning and supports the Board and presented a financial donation to the Township. Russ Harris supports R4 and the millage. Jane Dickie stated she appreciated the cooperative way Old Allegan Road was improved and gave her support to the millage and presented a financial donation to the Township. Hearing no further public comment that portion of the meeting was closed at 6:53.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions, deletions, or removal of items from the consent agenda. Wright presented additional bills and asked to add to *New Business, Item F. Road Work Order to chip & seal coat 64th St.* Hearing no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLIED WASTE through TYLER TECHNOLOGIES.
Total to be paid \$11,257.77
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)

- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. March 3, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. March 17, 2010 Special Joint Board/PC Meeting
 - iii. March 22, 2010 Special Board Meeting
 - iv. March 22, 2010 Special Joint Board/PC Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposed Salary Adjustment between Aaron and Phil. Board discussed a transfer of salary from Manager Phil Quade to Assistant Manager Aaron Sheridan as proposed by Quade. Proposal was to transfer \$3,849 of Quade's annual salary to Sheridan. After much discussion there was a **motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wester to increase Sheridan's annual salary by \$3,849 and reduce Quade's annual salary by the same.** Roerig asked if the reduction for Quade was to enable fewer hours by him. Wright presumed that was the case. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Road Work Order, Clearbrook Drive Culvert. Roerig presented the bids to complete the Clearbrook Drive road work. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Wester to award the project to low bidder Scott Pavlak Excavation for \$49,169 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the work order.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Road Work Order, 2010 Dust Control. Roerig presented the roads scheduled for summer dust control. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2010 dust control work order as presented and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Joint Harbor Committee, request to redirect expenditures. Hanson explained the Board had previously approved up to \$2,000 for the Harbor Committee and grant writing purposes. He stated now the committee is exploring other expenditure options outside of grants and added they would like clarification that funds can be used for other purposes such as a proposed strategy plan. Discussion took place and the Board agreed \$2,000 was appropriated for the Harbor Committee's use and how they choose to use it is up to them. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to have the funds committed to the Harbor Committee be used as indicated in their minutes.** Motion carried unanimously.
- D. MSP, Month-to-Month Rental Agreement. Wright stated the one-year lease agreement with the Michigan State Police has expired and they are asking to renew the agreement possibly for a longer term. Board discussion took place and it was agreed the current lease as written is desired. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to execute the 2010/2011 rental agreement with MSP for 1 year.** Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Schedule Workshop Meeting for 2010/2011 Budget. Board discussion took place as to an appropriate workshop date and agreed to meet 4/21/10 from 4-6 to discuss the proposed 2010/2011 budget.
- F. Road Work Order, Chip & Seal Coat 64th Street. Roerig stated the Road Committee is recommending the approval to chip & seal coat 1 mile of 64th Street for approximately \$20,000. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Knikelbine to approve Project LSM6720 as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson reported on recent PC actions.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported the Clearbrook Drive construction schedule.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisors Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns reported they will be holding a meeting to decide if the County will ask for an extra voted millage to fund the new jail.

Public comment was offered. Gerrit Sturris stated fish taken from the Kalamazoo River have to be edible to de-list the waterway from the superfund. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date