

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent Excused: Chris Roerig.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

Public Comment: Public comment was offered and comments were received until 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Wright presented additional bills received. Having no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

A. Accounts Payable

- i. ALLEGAN CO CLERK through SOMETHING DIFFERENT SIGNS

Total to be paid \$85,519.94

- ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)

B. Payroll (check register attached)

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. September 1, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
- i. September 8, 2010 Special Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposed Resolution Concerning Critical Dune Extension. Wester introduced Martin Jannereth, Chief of the Lakes, Streams and Shorelands Section of the Department of Environmental Quality who addressed the audience and explained the State's position in asking the Township to approve extending the critical dunes boundary to match the actual dune contour. Discussion took place and questions were answered by Jannereth. Hanson suggested requesting the Township's legal council contact the State's legal council before the Township act on the resolution. **Motion by Hanson seconded by Wester to table the issue until the next regular meeting.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Zoning Administrator Request for Educational Expense Reimbursement. Wright stated the request was tabled at the previous meeting for additional information. She stated the educational expense was for Al Ellingsen's position as Township Building Inspector and not in his capacity as Zoning Administrator. Hanson asked if the other townships where Ellingsen acts as Building Inspector participated in the expense reimbursement. Wright replied yes, the

total cost was \$980 and our share would be \$240. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Knikelbine to approve \$240 reimbursement for Al Ellingsen’s educational expense.** Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Proposed Saugatuck-South Haven Bike Path Resolution. Board discussed the proposed resolution and voiced concern over approving a resolution supporting a project that would utilize grant money and require local matching funds. Hanson voiced additional concern over the proposed direction the path would take. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to deny the resolution endorsing the Saugatuck-South Haven Blue Star Trail Plan.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Proposed Resolution to Partially Vacate the Sewer Bond. Quade stated development within the sewer special assessment district exceeded expectations and will allow for an early pay off of the bond. He noted conversations with an attorney specializing in bonding offered an alternative to early pay off. Quade suggested a fair way to deal with the excess assessment is to continue to pay the bond but refund a portion of the assessment to property owners. Discussion took place and it was agreed additional review should be done to assure amounts to be refunded are appropriate while considering future potential grown within the district. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to table the resolution to partially vacate the sewer special assessment roll until the next regular meeting.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson reported approving a SAU for Migas’ 9 hole, par 3 golf course and continued work on the WET ordinance.
- B. Road Commission. No Report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported the highest annual ridership with over 50K riders.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the annual open house was the biggest one so far with 840 dinners served.
- E. Supervisor’s Report. No Report.
- F. County Commissioner’s Report. Burns updated audience on current County issues.

Public comment was offered at 7:40 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date