

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2011, 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.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

Public Comment: Public comment was offered and statements were heard from Dayle Harrison speaking in opposition of a Harbor Authority. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Wright presented additional bills received. Wester presented a revised Harbor Committee proposed resolution of Intent to Participate and Roerig suggested replacing the resolution under New Business, Item B with the revised resolution. Having no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. CONSUMERS ENERGY through SCHOLTEN & FANT
Total to be paid \$11,278.95
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. December 1, 2010 Regular Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society, Community Development. Hanson stated the Society is conveying their policy on development to encourage preserving man-made and natural features of the area.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. 2011 Road Work Order. Roerig stated the 5 year plan identifies the resurfacing of 64th Street from 128th to 130th Avenues as well as 127th Avenue from 63rd to 66th Streets. Board discussed the proposed resurfacing which includes 3' paved shoulders. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the 2011 Road Work Order as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Harbor Committee, Proposed Resolution of Intent to Participate. Harbor Committee Members Jonathan Phillips and Joe Milaukas presented the direction of the Committee and the Board

asked questions concerning scope of area, Committee authority, and potential costs.

Additional discussion took place and it was agreed to request Manager Quade to review the revised resolution and submit a recommendation to the Board. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to table the resolution indefinitely for further review.** Carried unanimously.

- C. Proposed Cell Tower Lease Buy-Out. Hanson explained his present value calculations that examine the current monthly lease receipts including an annual 3% increase as compared to the \$130,000 lease buy-out being offered by American Tower. Board discussed the 20 year lease and future technological development that might affect cell towers. Wester stated he does not favor selling the lease but asked if the funds could be earmarked. Wright noted that would be up to the Board as a whole but she would not vote to earmark the funds. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wright to accept the American Tower offer to buy-out the monthly cell tower lease for \$130,000 contingent upon review and approval of the contract.** Motion carried 4 to 1 with Wester voting in opposition.
- D. Saugatuck Public Schools 2011 Summer Tax Collection. Knikelbine presented the Memorandum of Agreement noting it is the same as previous years. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Hanson to accept the SPS agreement for summer tax collection as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated long time Allegan County Road Commissioner Bill Nelson will be retiring with Larry Brown taking over for him. Roerig wished Nelson well and thanked him for his superb service over the years.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported they approved the Director to attend an upcoming legislative conference. She also stated they have a 2005 bus for sale.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated full time employee Joe Fucile is no longer with the department and if anyone has any questions they should contact the Chief.
- E. Supervisor's Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Burns updated audience on current county issues.

Public comment was offered at 6:55 p.m. and comments were received until 7:10 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date