

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 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 and Trustee Jim Hanson.

**Members Absent Excused:** Trustee Chris Roerig.

**Public Comment:** Public comment was offered and statements were heard from Tom Brink, Doug Gritter, Betty VanWieren and Dayle Harrison. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed at 6:15 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 TREASURER through WEST MICHIGAN LASER  
Total to be paid \$103,076.49
- ii. Checks issued to be post-audited  
(check register attached)

B. Payroll (check register attached)

C. Approval of Minutes

- i. February 2, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

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

**Correspondence:**

- A. Dick Waskin, copy of published "open letter to the Board". Wester invited Waskin to address the letter. Waskin asked where the mandate comes from to continue paying for litigation and suggested allowing consolidation of development in the R4 zone.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Kalamazoo Harbor Master Plan Committee Recommendation. Hanson stated Quade addressed the issue well with his letter and suggested the township decline to sign the letter of intent to form a Harbor Authority at this time. He added we support the idea of the harbor and will join in any way we can. Harbor Committee member Jonathon Phillips stated the letter of intent does not require a financial commitment. Hanson stated just to have the letter reviewed by the township attorney would require a financial commitment and the proposed letter of intent opened a lot of questions for the township including the expanded area beyond the I-196 bridge. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to table the Harbor Master Plan Letter of Intent indefinitely.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Revised Ballot Language, Cemetery Maintenance Renewal. Wright stated she researched the true definition of a millage renewal and found that to call a millage proposal a "renewal" you

can not use a higher millage than the rolled back millage from the prior year. She presented revised ballot language that states a 0.2500 mills, reduced to 0.2240 mills by the required millage rollbacks. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt the revised cemetery maintenance millage ballot language as resolution 2011-01.** Roll call vote: Wright-yes, Hanson-yes, Wester-yes, Knikelbine-yes. Resolution declared adopted.

**New Business:**

- A. Proposed Resolution 2011-02, Board of Review. Wright stated taxpayers have always been allowed to file a protest of their assessed value either in person or by letter and this proposed resolution simply takes formal action of the board to authorize resident taxpayers to file their protest before the Board of Review by letter without personal appearance by the taxpayer or agent. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wester to adopt resolution 2011-02 as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. AMR Contract Renewal. Wester noted the contract with American Medical Response is the renewal of an existing contract. Hanson stated the ambulance contract is for a specific district in the south end of the township. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to approve and authorize the signing of the Fennville area 911 ambulance service contract.** Carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson stated they held a public hearing to propose interpretation rules for properties lying within multiple zoning districts.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated she was very sorry to report the resignation of Fire Inspector Greg Janik. She added he has been a full time employee for 6 years, was highly respected and appreciated for the work he performed as Fire Inspector. His training, experience and ability to interact with business owners will be hard to replace.
- E. Supervisor's Report. Wester stated he does not have a report but commented the car horn blowing does not reflect how government meetings are meant to work.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. No report.

Public comment was offered at 6:40 p.m. and comments were received until 6:55 p.m.

**Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

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Date