

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011, 5:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and noted the reason for the special meeting is to review the proposed 2011/2012 budget and ask questions of the Manager.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: Treasurer Pat Knikelbine.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

Quade presented the proposed 2011/2012 budget and began with estimated year end fund balances. He then detailed the expected revenues vs. expenditures for 2011/2012.

Board discussed a possible resolution to change the MERS retirement program for all new hires to a defined contribution plan as opposed to the current defined benefit plan starting 7/1/2011.

Quade suggested a re-appropriation of salary for the Clerk and Treasurer to reflect a more equitable distribution between the elected official portion and the administrative portion. Board concurred with the suggestion but noted Clerk Wright and Treasurer Knikelbine will need to sign a letter authorizing a reduction in their elected capacity salary.

Wester asked to delete the Clerk and Treasurer from paragraph 7.0 in the employee handbook to eliminate health insurance benefits for title only. Additional discussion took place and it was agreed the issue should be addressed with a full board present.

Wester opened the special meeting to public comment. Hearing none Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date