

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and stated the reason for the special meeting is to discuss the feasibility of attaining Charter Township status.

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

Members Absent: None.

Wester opened the meeting to public comment. Dayle Harrison stated he feels we are in pretty good shape the way we are and sees no compelling reason to change. Harrison asked if there was any relationship between this discussion to move to a Charter Township and local efforts to move the three municipalities to consolidation. Wright responded no; the State of Michigan is required to identify to General Law Townships their eligibility to move to a Charter Township after each 10 year census that establishes the township population is over 2000 residents. Roerig stated the Board has the ability to oppose incorporation, approve incorporation, or place the question before the electorate on a ballot. He added the feeling of the board was to educate the residents on the options before making a decision. Hanson verified there is an additional option to not file any intent toward incorporation and that would leave the option open for possible future action. Open discussion took place regarding the differences between Charter Townships and General Law Townships and it was decided not to take any action towards incorporation at this time.

Wester stated if no further business is to come before the board I declare us adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date