

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 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.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda. Hearing none, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO TREASURER through W MI LASER
Total to be paid \$7,632.23
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. November 2, 2011 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Wright seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Proposed Cemetery Contract Extension with GMS. Manager Quade stated the contract would renew the current agreement to maintain both cemeteries with GMS at the same price for a period of three years. Hanson stated they have performed very well in their first year of service. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to approve the cemetery maintenance contract with GMS as presented and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to sign it.** Motion carried 5 to 0.
- B. Deep Harbor Tax Foreclosures. Hanson stated he is recusing himself from this agenda item as his sister represents Deep Harbor as their realtor. Quade stated if the board chooses not to adopt a resolution refusing the boat slips that failed to sell at tax foreclosure, the property will automatically transfer back to the township. He added we would then be responsible for paying the 2011 property taxes. Quade then explained that slips 91 ó 139 were never allowed by the Planning Commission but were recorded at the register of deeds by the owner none the less and that created parcels that do not exist and cannot be developed. He stated if the township claimed ownership we could then convert the properties as a metes and bounds description and return them to the association as common area to correct the past indiscretion. Board discussion took

place as to the ramifications of assuming ownership and the possibility of selling them back to the association. **Resolution 2011-06 objecting to the transfer of ownership of properties of Deep Harbor Condominiums following a tax foreclosure sale was offered by Wright and supported by Knikelbine.** Roll call vote: Knikelbine-yes, Wright-yes, Roerig-yes, Wester-no, Hanson-abstain. Resolution declared adopted.

- C. Dugout Road and Proposed Abandonment. Quade stated the road is dangerous and narrow and the County cannot maintain it. He added that Pine Trail Camp applied for abandonment and the few homes on the road will have an easement. Quade stated the Road Commission is planning on holding a public hearing January 17th at 1:00 p.m. In the event the road would be abandoned the Township may have first right of refusal but if it is a road by use, once it is abandoned ownership would refer back to adjoining property owners. Wright verified we are not required to act on the proposed abandonment.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson stated they met on Monday and approved an S.A.U. for Mike Davis' motorcycle repair shop behind Ihle's.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisor's Report. Wester stated the attorneys met last week to review the consent judgment in the federal lawsuit and a meeting will be scheduled soon.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Terry Burns stated the federal funding for meth clean-up was recently re-instated and that bids for the new jail will be released tomorrow.

Public Comment:

- A. Dayle Harrison's R4 matters. Harrison asked the board to hit the pause button and bring the Planning Commission into the discussion for settling the federal lawsuit. He added a lot of things have happened in R4 and maybe we need to look at it again. Harrison stated the main thing is to open the process and include the public should the board desire to enter into another settlement agreement.
- B. Steve McKown, Federal Lawsuit Alternatives. McKown first asked to address the Dugout Road proposed abandonment and it is questionable if the township has first right of refusal and there may not be a public meeting held by the Road Commission. McKown then distributed written comments on Judge Maloney's rejection of the settlement agreement. He asked to review the problems and resolve them by changing R4.
- C. Additional Public Comment's Comments were heard from Larry Edris, Steve Darpel, Russ Harris, Joe Milaukas, Dayle Harrison, Jane Dickie, Larry Dickie, Andrew Leach, and Vicky Rosenberg.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.