

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013, 6:00p.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 Brad Rudich, Treasure Lori Babinski, Trustee Jonathan Phillips and Trustee Roy McIlwaine

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Acting Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

Public Comment: Wester opened to public comment.

- Dick Waskin, Heron Ridge, Saugatuck Township commented on his support for Bill Rowe and mentioned Rowe's high ethics and stated that he found the letter written about him by members of community to be false. Supervisor Wester followed up this comment by mentioning he holds Bill Rowe in High Regard.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda. Rudich added the letter from Bill Rowe into the Correspondence.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. Alfred J Ellingsen through Vision Engineering. Total to be paid \$20,144.23
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited (check register attached)
- B. Payroll (Check register attached)
- C. Bills by Fund
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - i. June ,5, 2013, Regular Board Meeting
 - II. June 5, 2013 Budget Workshop

McIlwaine questions several expenditures. Motion by Rudich to approve consent agenda as presented. Wester second. Motion passed 5-0

Correspondence

- A. Letter from Bill Rowe concerning his role on Planning Commission and Zoning Boards.

Unfinished Business

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals to 5 members. Discussion on changing current 3 member Zoning Board of Appeals to 5 members. Rudich suggested talking to attorney for legal counsel on this matter. Phillips motioned to table the item, Babinski second. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

- A. Meadow Argus Agreement

This is ready to go, both the planning commission and lawyer have approved. Manager Sheridan commented that this is a big improvement. Motion to accept by McIlwaine, second by Phillips, motion passed 5-0

- B. Cemetery Transfer

No discussion need. Rudich motions to transfer the cemetery rights back to the township for Therese Peterson, Wester supports, motion passes 5-0.

- C. Request of PC to meet with attorneys

Supervisor Wester supports the Planning Commission's request to meet with lawyers and motioned to support, Phillips second, motion passes 5-1.

- D. R-4 Resolution Moratorium. Was deleted from agenda until next meeting. McIlwaine motioned, Phillips second, motion passes 5-0

- E. Fracking Resolution

Supervisor Wester commented he feels it would not be taking a reactive, but proactive approach to set a 6-month moratorium on any fracking. McIlwaine commented he would like proper regulations in place prior to allowing fracking. Supervisor Wester motions to adopt fracking resolution, Rudich second, motion passes 5-0

F. Expired Terms, PC, ZBA

Current ZBA members up for re-appointment were; Marcia Tucker, Kathleen Cook and Bill Rowe.

- i. Marcia Tucker: Wester motioned, Phillips second...re-appointed 5-0
- ii. Kathleen (Kat) Cook: Mcllwaine motioned, Rudich second... re-appointed 4-1
- iii. Bill Rowe: Discussion: Mcllwaine proposed the vote be put off for a week and allow discussion at an upcoming planning commission meeting, Wester disagreed and put to a vote. Wester motioned, Phillips second... re-appointed 4-1

Current PC members up for re-appointment were; Maggie Conklin and Bill Rowe.

- i. Bill Rowe: Wester motioned, Babinski second...re-appointed 4-1. Discussion: Mcllwaine feels the decision is up to the planning commission, and if they come up with information that shows a conflict of interest that should be included in the decision to re-appoint. Board members stated it's not the PC's decision, it's the board. Vote stands.
- ii. Maggie Conklin 5-0,Phillips motioned, Rudich second, re-appointed 5-0. Discussion: Wester also commented that Maggie has done an exception job in handling the personalities that she has. Nothing but praise for her.

G. Holiday Office Hours

Supervisor Wester will handle any township needs on Friday so others can have the day off. Township will officially be closed on Friday, July 5th. Phillips motioned, second by Wester, motion passes 5-0

Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission.

Oxbow was approved, PC requested to meet with legal time. Discussion on fracking, led to committee of Sandy, Dale & Brad being put together. Discussions on change in the R-4 and tweaks needed.

B. Road Commission.

128th paving almost complete. Few complaints that have been taken, were addressed and handled, Manager Sheridan is currently taking care of.

C. Interurban.

Showed a 29% increase of use in May. Wednesday is free day to ride to SuperValue. Starting June 29th they will shuttle from High school to Downtown

D. Fire Board

Janik new chief. 2 Firefighters let go. 1 new part time person hired. No more 24-hour shifts, instead acting as an on call shift. Rudich will be stepping down from board and Mcllwaine will now serve. Motion to appoint Mcllwaine, motioned by Phillips, second by Wester, motion passes 5-0

E. Harbor Authority Liaison. No report.

F. Supervisors Report.

Supervisor Wester to set official business hours, they will be announced at an upcoming meeting.

G. County Commissioner Dean Kapinga. Absent, no report

Public Comment

Wester opened the meeting to public comment.

- Judith Snyder, Maple Street, Saugatuck, questioned having a cat ordinance in the township. Manager Sheridan looking into how other townships handle this, Supervisor Wester asked Ms. Snyder come in next week to discuss further with him.

Adjourn

Wester stated after having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

Brad Rudich, Clerk

Elizabeth "Birdie" Holley, Recording Secretary