

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2013, 6:00p.m.
KALAMAZOO LAKE SEWER WATER AUTHORITY, 6449 OLD ALLEGAN RD, SAUGATUCK, MI 49453
MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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.

- Terry Burns announced that he will be running for District 80 state Representative and asked both the board and the public to bring any issues they want addressed during his campaign to him.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda. Rudich added the Attorney Meeting to #8 "New Business".

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. Century Link through West Shore Inspections. Total to be paid \$8,545.26.
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited (check register attached)
- B. Bills by Fund
- C. Payroll (Check register attached)
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - i. June ,10, 2013, Special Board Meeting
 - ii. July 3, 2013, Regular Board Meeting

Supervisor Wester motions to approved consent agenda, Rudich second. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence

- A. Nancy Vandenberg Fireworks ordinance request. Supervisor Wester will get with zoning administrator to review statewide ordinance in place, he will follow up with both the board and Ms. Vandenberg.

Unfinished Business

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission to 5 members. Rudich suggested a group meeting between all three boards. ZBA is open to 5 members; the Planning Commission is less open to it. The Township Board has agreed to meet with all three boards to discuss. Wester motions to table the idea of Planning & ZBA going to 5 member's indefinitely until we can find time and place & time to meeting with all members from each individual board. Seconded by Phillips. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business

- A. Cemetery Transfer. No discussion need. Rudich motions to accept the instrument of transfer for the cemetery back to the township for 2 unwanted lots in middle of cemetery, McIlwaine seconds. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Cooley Law School Information. School has access to lawyers, council and research and offers it free to help municipalities out with writing ordinances and preparing documents. Township board agrees this is a good idea to try out, with Ron Bulche being final approval on any work they do.
- C. KLSWA Ordinance. Ordinance has been adopted no current action needed
- D. Orthophotography - McIlwaine motions to give tentative approval (based on cost), that the board wants to do this. Rudich seconds. Motion passes 5-0.
- E. Attorney Meeting
Supervisor Wester is OK with request from Jim Briunsma and Steven Neumer to meet with Ron Bultje, but believes folks requesting it should cover the fee's. McIlwaine believes it's a ZBA issue and the township board should stay out. McIlwaine motioned to direct Attorney not to meet prior to scheduled meeting, Rudich second. Further discussion: Supervisor Wester felt this is not allowing open lines of communication. Motion passes 4-1, Wester opposed.

Committee Reports

- A. Planning Commission. Bill Rowe's recusal from voting on Singapore Dunes, LLC subject matters was discussed. Sign ordinances was moved to next meeting, Township board mention this needs to be addressed soon. Also discussed the possible change in the R-4 zoning.
- B. Road Commission. No report. Comment: 128th paving project turned out great.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Board. The Fire Board had their election of offices at last meeting. They also sold off some equipment. There was discussion (and authorization) of purchasing a vehicle for the fire chief to use. They are also looking to sell three more vehicles to purchase a tower truck. The Fire Board also discussed they will not be doing the annual chicken BBQ, instead they may do a pancake breakfast to raise funds.
- E. Harbor Authority Liaison. Helmrich absent, Supervisor Wester reviewed. Phase 1 dredging plan applications have been made to the US Army Corp. Full report is available upon request.
- F. Supervisors Report. Supervisor Wester reviewed ordinances on cats (as requested to be addressed in previous meeting). He stated that cats are technically a pet, therefore should be on a leash. Supervisor Wester will address any complaints/issues as they arise and if that doesn't solve it, the zoning administrator will address. If the same property still has complains, the final step will be the police going out and presenting property owners with a fine.
- G. County Commissioner Dean Kapinga. Absent, no report

Public Comment

Wester opened the meeting to public comment.

- Mary Whiteford(R) announced she will be running for State Representative.
- Garret Sterns brought up the need for a fireworks ordinance. He feels the firework problems have gotten worse since the new state law (allowing most fireworks to be sold). The board is addressing this issue and will get back to the public. Will consider asking Cooley students to write an ordinance for review.

Adjourn

Wester stated after having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

Elizabeth "Birdie" Holley, Recording Secretary