

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2013 9:00 a.m.

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6441 OLD ALLEGAN RD, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453

MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Brad Rudich, Treasurer Lori Babinski, Trustee Jonathan Phillips and Trustee Roy McIlwaine. **Members Absent:** None.

Also Present: Township Attorney Ron Bultje, Attorney Craig Noland and Township Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Kathy Roper, Peach Creek Ct., Fennville, asked why the board was holding a meeting only a day after receiving the proposed settlement, also she was concerned the public hadn't seen the settlement, and asked the meeting to be rescheduled. Wester stated that the board hadn't seen anything yet. McIlwaine stated in his opinion the board made a mistake in noticing the meeting as a possible settlement. Bultje stated that a decision could be made at the meeting and the notice should state that an agreement was possible. The notice was worded to give flexibility for the board to take action. McIlwaine asked if there should be a public hearing on this settlement. Bultje stated this was a legal clarification and not about land use. Bultje stated that he would explain what the court suggested the Township use as a procedure. Jon Helmrich 3522 64th St., Saugatuck, stated the notice was given in haste, and asked that e-mail be sent out possibly in the future. Helmrich stated the notice was worded that there would be action. Discussion ensued on notice requirement and possible e-mail noticing.

Discussion of legal matters: Motion to go into closed session made by Wester, second by Phillips. Roll call vote Phillips, Babinski, Wester, Rudich, McIlwaine all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0 to go into closed session.

The board came out of closed session discussion with the attorney's.

McIlwaine made the motion for the township board to postpone the decision and meet Monday August 19th, at 4:00. No support.

Wester made the motion for the township board to postpone the decision and meet Friday August 16th, at 4:00, Rudich seconded. Motion passes 4-1.

Discussion on hosting the meeting at Laketown Township hall and notices on the website.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk

Date