

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 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.

- Jon Helmrich wanted info on why the joint meeting between, Planning Commission, Zoning Board and Township Board was cancelled. Follow up: It will be rescheduled once it can be notified correctly.
- RJ Peterson presented a copy of the chamber letter in the packet he sent out to some residents and the township board.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda.

- Added in A.iii "\$20,299.26 – demo of back room in township expenditures".
- Under Correspondence B. "Al Ellingsen Bill" was added
- Under New Business added;
 - D. "Board Interaction with Audience",
 - E. "Approval of Road Project",
 - F. "DEQ Letter",
 - G. "Legal Expense"
- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. Allegan Co. Treasurer through Scholten & Fant PC. Total to be paid \$14,026.65
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited (check register attached)
 - iii. Al Ellingsen Bill
- B. Bills by Fund
- C. Payroll (Check register attached)
- D. Approval of Minutes
 - i. August 7, 2013 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. August 15, 2013 Special Board Meeting
 - iii. August 16, 2013 Special Board Meeting

Phillips motions to accept consent agenda as presented, Rudich second. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence

A. Charlie Schreiner video meeting request

This letter has been entered into the records, but board will not start taping all meetings at this time

B. All Ellingsen Bill

No objections to this letter and expenditure. McIlwaine moved to approve the expenditure of approximately \$300 for Al Ellingsen to continue his education. Phillips second. Motion passes 5-0.

Unfinished Business

A. Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission to 5 members.

Wester motioned to table this unfinished business and will schedule a meeting with all parties, get notice written up and post new meeting date in October, TBA. Babinski second. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business

A. E-Mail Blast

This will continue to work as it had previously. Township will always make its best effort to get it out as a courtesy to township residents.

B. Saugatuck Douglas Chamber of Commerce solicitation of funds for dredging.

Board said dredging will be left up to tax payers and not the township board. They are neither condoning nor rejecting, but do acknowledge the letter.

C. Maple Street Road Update

The township may get some reimbursement from FEMA. While it is a city project, the road serves mostly township residents. The cost will be shared with the city. It's estimated of the \$181,000 total project, \$64,020 could be potentially covered by FEMA and remainder will be split between city and township. The street will be repaired and will provide better drainage by fall, and alternative access will be provided.

D. Board Interaction with audience

McIlwaine requested the board talk with and seek knowledge from the audience while speaking on some matter, more than it is done currently.

E. Approval of Road Projects

Sheridan needed approval of the lowest bid on the upcoming road project. The lowest bid came in under bid at \$12,480. Rudich motioned to accept the bid for \$12,480 for gravel of township and issuance of payment. Phillips second. Motion passes 5-0.

F. DEQ Letter

Rudich moved to table this item until the next meeting after they can get legal opinion. Wester second. Motion passes 5-0.

G. Legal Expenses

Current legal expenses at \$8761. Bultje has billed an addition \$1331 which should be covered by insurance. There was no board approval for this. Township board is going to draft a letter that requests Bultje bill the insurance company and not the township.

Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission. Discussed sign ordinances and minor/major private roads and private lot setbacks.

B. Road Commission. There has been one call from 128th complaining that the road had settled, although the call did come from Manlius Township.

C. Interurban. Ridership had its second busiest July on record (since 2011). A new replacement vehicle has been purchased which was funded mostly by state & federal funds.

D. Fire Board. The employment contract was approval for new fire chief. They viewed a fire boat demonstration, which was very informative. Mutual aid agreement was reached with Allegan Co Sheriff Marine, working together with township and fireboats. The October fundraising event with happen with help of Hickory Pit donation and it will be a rib dinner.

E. Harbor Authority Liaison. New buoy plan for 38 Coast Guard has been accepted, 11 in Saugatuck and 27 in Douglass. Voted yes to file a grant application to build a new fishing pier in Schultz park. USACE recently completed some dredging at the Kalamazoo River mouth using funds from hurricane Sandy relief. Full report available upon request..

F. Supervisors Report. None

G. County Commissioner Dean Kapinga. The pager enhancement system for Fire Dept is up. The jail planner has been helping in planning with new jail. Their IT department received an awarded placing them 2nd in the nation.

Public Comment

Wester opened the meeting to public comment.

- Garret Sterns who is a water front owner on silver lake does not feel there is a need to give funds to help make the lake deeper. He strongly opposes RJ Peterson's letter and current dredging intentions with the lake.
- Jon Helmrich – would like to see a copy of the DEQ Letter
- Marsha Perry – would like the DEQ letter to be posted. Also suggested township video tape meetings, post to you-tube and then have the link on their website (to the video). Also mentioned governments prime purpose is to serve and would encourage more audience interaction.
- Tracy Shafroth - showed support of videotaping Township Board Meetings
- Kat Cook – also showed support of videotaping meetings.

Adjourn

Wester stated after having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.

Elizabeth "Birdie" Holley, Recording Secretary