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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday August 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Jon Phillips, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan, Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion.

Public Comment: Mark Erlandson asked for a new hearing before the Fire Board, regarding Chief Janik. Saugatuck Manager Kirk Harrier spoke about cost recovery and appealing to the Fire Board, and hoped the three municipalities could work together. Saugatuck Zoning Administrator Cindy Osman spoke about concerns with IFC changes. Charles Carlson spoke about his projects that were impacted by the Fire Department. Fire Board member Todd Christenson asked that the IFC be consistent and not changed. Fire Deputy Chris Mantels spoke on his disappointment to IFC changes. Chief Greg Janik asked that the Township not modify the IFC.

Approval of Agenda: Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich asked to add LED sign Ordinance. Phillips asked to add New Business, Deputy Supervisor. McIlwaine made the motion to remove item E. Ordinance to Amend the IFC, supported by Phillips. Discussion on IFC amendments. Motion fails 2-3. Phillips asked to add Old Business, Update of Wester Garden Plaque. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Lane. Agenda approved 5-0.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. Accident Fund through Standard Insurance. Total to be paid \$53,852.17.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. July 5, 2017 Meeting.

McIlwaine asked to change Riverside Road to Drive in the Minutes. McIlwaine moved to approve the minutes and invoices for payment, Phillips supported. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Deb Wester Garden Plaque. Sheridan explained that the Parks Commission discussed the subject at their meeting. Park Commissioner Jim Searing spoke to Deb's family and will continue discussion.

New Business:

- A. Interurban Update with Director Phyllis Yff. Yff spoke to the Board about Grant funding and other sources of income, for bus replacement, building repairs, bus camera systems and recent dispatch software updates. In October 2016 the Interurban sent out 3700 surveys and got a nearly 10% response. The Interurban will be asking for a millage increase for the November 2017 election of .5 mills. City of Fennville has inquired about expanding Interurban service.
- B. Outdoor Discovery Center, Fragmites Update with Ben Heerspink. Heerspink stated that the ODC along with conservation districts, have set aside \$26,000 to treat fragmites on the Kalamazoo River. The treatment would be a chemical treatment spread by helicopter, between I-196 and 63rd Street. Fire treatment would possibly come later. Rudich made the motion to approve the agreement for treatment of the invasive plants by the Outdoor Discover Center, supported by Babinski. Roll call vote: All vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. Resolution for Land Acquisition for Non-Motorized Trail. Sheridan stated that a strip of property along North Street owned by Darcy Lloyd could be used for the Blue Star Trail through Almanchier Park. Ms. Lloyd would convey the property in exchange for a burial plots in Riverside Cemetery. Ms. Lloyd would like part of the trail named for her father Bill Wilson. Rudich moved the Resolution Regarding Acquisition of Land for Possible Development of Non-motorized Trail Linear Park. McIlwaine supported. Roll call vote: all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.
- D. Ordinance to Amend Section 16-27 and Chapter 16, Article III of the Township of Saugatuck Code to Regulate Fire Prevention and Protection. Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion spoke about IFC changes and their effects on new driveways, private roads and cost recovery. Private road amendments would strengthen the current Ordinance. Phillips stated his concern was with cost recovery changes within a district. McIlwaine asked about testing of hydrants and blocking of hydrants. Daryl VanDyke of KLSWA stated the Utilities Ordinance covered the concerns. Janik was concerned that the Board was unaware of what was in the Ordinance. Adoption of the 2015 code would be enacted in the near future. Phillips and McIlwaine wanted to work with the district partners. Rudich wanted to protect the Township residents from an additional layer of Fire District revenue. Discussion on effects of ISO changes. Rudich moved the Ordinance to Amend Section 16-27 and Chapter 16, Article III of the Township of Saugatuck Code to Regulate Fire Prevention and Protection, support from Lane. No discussion. Roll call vote: Rudich, yes; Phillips, no; Babinski, yes; Lane, yes; McIlwaine, no. Ordinance passes 3-2.
- E. Ordinance to Amend Sections 40-623 and 40-658 of the Township of Saugatuck Code, and Create a New Section 40-633, to Regulate Fire Apparatus Access on Private Roads and Driveways. Kushion would ask for input from Fire Chief on Roads and Driveways when needed. Phillips moved the Ordinance to Amend Sections 40-623 and 40-658 of the Township of Saugatuck Code, and Create a New Section 40-633, to Regulate Fire Apparatus Access on

Private Roads and Driveways, support from Lane. McIlwaine asked Rudich if the Planning Commission had issues with the changes, Rudich stated there were none. Roll call vote: all vote yes. Ordinance passes 5-0.

- F. Well Field License and Option and Proposal. Sheridan asked Daryl VanDyke from K.L.S.W.A. to speak about possible municipal well sites. The Northshore development owners would give the Township an easement to dig a well for a future municipal well. Fleis and Vandenbrink engineers submitted a proposal to investigate the potential well site. Sheridan stated the testing cost would be speculation on finding a good water supply. Cost of the hydrogeological study was \$17,500. Vandyke stated municipal wells cost more to dig than residential wells. Vandyke stated that seven other sites were looked at for a well, but this site has the best potential. Sheridan recommended adding 15% to the study cost, in case of unforeseen issues. Rudich made the motion to accept the Hydrogeological Investigation of a Potential Well Field Site in Saugatuck Township, with cost not to exceed \$20,125, McIlwaine supported. Motion passes 5-0.
- G. Holland Sentinel Subscription. Rudich asked the Board for a subscription to the Holland Sentinel to check obituaries. McIlwaine made the motion to subscribe to the Holland Sentinel, Phillips supported. Motion passes 5-0.
- H. Ordinance LED Signs. Kushion explained that the Ordinance would exempt Public Safety Entities from the LED Ordinance. STFD would like an LED sign at the Fire Department. McIlwaine asked why LED signs were not allowed. Kushion stated the planning commission would look again at the Ordinance in the future. Phillips made the motion to Amend Chapter 40, Section 634(e) of the Township Code to Regulate Signs. Rudich supported. Roll call vote: all members vote yes. Ordinance passes 5-0.
- I. Deputy Supervisor. Jon Phillips announced that he had chosen Chris Roerig as his Deputy Supervisor.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission passed the LED Ordinance and the Driveway and Private Drive Ordinance.
- B. Road Commission. Sheridan stated that there was a Road millage election in November.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the ridership for June was 6257, second highest ever.
- D. Fire Board. Genesis Trailer donation will be used for demonstrations. McIlwaine reported that the Fire Department declined a donation of a rock climber. Funding was approved for dashcam video equipment. Fire open house is Sunday October 21st.
- E. Open Board Report. Sheridan stated that Comcast was coming in to discuss expanding cable and internet. Phillips called for a Special Meeting to discuss the disagreement he had with the Township Manager.

Public Comment: Chris Mantels asked that the Manager look into changing Riverside Road or Riverside Drive. Mantels voiced his displeasure in changing the IFC. Chief Janik was disappointed with the changes to the IFC and stated he will work hard to implement the changes.

Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk