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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD Special Meeting

Wednesday August 16, 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.

Public Comment: Saugatuck Manager Kirk Harrier thanked the Supervisor for addressing uncomfortable issues. Mark Erlandson asked for a new hearing before the Fire Board, regarding treatment by Chief Janik. Township Parks Commissioner Jim Searing complimented Sheridan on his work with the Parks in the Township and urged the Board to act slowly. Pat Denner was concerned about Township Board actions. Janna Rudich voiced her support for Sheridan and the many different jobs he does for the Township. Fire Captain Jeff Dornbush asked the Board to support taxpayers. Fire fighter Elliot Sturm commented about safety. Stacy Aldrich commented about Joe Milackus and asked about fire inspections. Fire Board member Marilyn Starring read a letter from Chief Janik. Janik stated his displeasure with Sheridan and to the IFC changes. Fire Board Chairperson Jane Verplank was concerned that Sheridan was dividing the community. Tony Schippa stated Sheridan was not truthful and did not have integrity. Kevin Marine stated his support for Sheridan and was saddened inaccurate news. Deputy Fire Chief Chris Mantels was concerned about IFC changes and safety. Fire Captain Linus Starring asked the Board to dismiss Sheridan.

Approval of Agenda: Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Lane. Agenda approved 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Employee Evaluation Aaron Sheridan. Phillips made the motion to go into closed session to discuss employee Sheridan, at Sheridan's request, support from McIlwaine. Roll call vote: all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0. Rudich made the motion to come into open session, support from Lane. Motion passes 5-0. Phillips made the motion to discharge Aaron Sheridan. No support.

Rudich made the motion to reprimand Aaron Sheridan and have him seek either Employee interpersonal skills or anger management class at his expense, and to encourage him to work better with the City of Saugatuck, City of the Village of Douglas, the Fire Chief and Township Supervisor. Support from Lane. Motion passes 4-1.

Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk