

**Saugatuck Township Board  
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 6:00 p.m.  
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453

Minutes

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

**Members Present:** Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Brad Rudich, Treasurer Lori Babinski, Trustee Jonathan Phillips and Trustee Roy McIlwaine

**Members absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

**Public comments**

Wester opened to public comment. Will Anzenberger, the new executive director at Al Van Humane Society, introduced himself. He stated that they do a countrywide tour of all the townships asking for funding. He mentioned that any type of support whether financial or volunteering is welcomed.

Judge Bill Baillargeon. Mailed out state of court forms which are also available on-line for viewing. Spoke of different specialty courts and their purposes, including but not limited to Drug Treatment, Mental Health and the newest being the Regionalized Veterans Court, which is the first of its kind in Michigan.

Donna Nowak, Vice president and Joyce Horath, Secretary for Saugatuck/Douglas Library Board explained that through extreme growth, the Library has two ballot initiatives on the August 5 ballot requesting bonds for a new building, which is .67 mills for 25 years and an operating millage of .30 mills for 10 years. They are asking for a total of \$5,156,814.00.

Jon Helmrich of 64<sup>th</sup> St., expressed his support in the re-appointment for both Joe Milaukas and Dale Harrison for the new term of the planning commission. Tracy Sheffroth, supported the re-appointment of both Joe Milaukas and Dale Harrison. Larry Dickie of Old Allegan Rd., first asked Township to continue to work on/support of the mineral lease information public service as he feels it is extremely important. Secondly, he is also here to show support for the re-appointment of Dale Harrison. Lastly, he mentioned he was interested in the Item of Well Head Protection resolution on the agenda for this meeting.

**Approval of Agenda:** (additions, deletions, removal of items from consent) Rudich clarified that the minutes to be approved were for May 29<sup>th</sup>, June, 4<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>. Rudich also stated that the bills to be paid were from the Allegan County Treasurer through West Michigan Laser and total \$13,375.26. Change new business A and B-delete those items. McIlwaine clarified the minutes from the May 29 meeting that Milauckas was asking only for an explanation of the road millage not asking for a reduction in millage. He also asked for a typo correction for wrong to wrote, on Item c. McIlwaine asked why the

cemetery electricity bills were so high. Rudich and Sheridan explained that the sprinkler system uses a lot of energy. McIlwaine also questioned the advertising item 119 whether or not the township is paying for public announcements Rudich clarified \$1000.00 per year is the cost. Rudich moves for approval of consent agenda as amended, with second by Wester. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Rudich read aloud a letter from Sandy Rauch thanking the board for her plaque from the State of Michigan honoring her years served.
- B. Correspondence from Bob Genetski about possible revenue sharing plan.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Mineral Lease information was corrected by legal. McIlwaine motions to make the grammatical corrections and publish it on the website for community knowledge, support by Wester. Motion passes unanimously 5-0.
- B. AMR Contract. Rudich made the motion to accept the AMR Contract for one year, when a request for proposal will be made. Second by Phillips. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. Single Waste and Recycle Hauler. Discussion on traffic and cost savings. Recycling contract currently not working well. Phillips explained that adopting a single waste hauler for township would greatly reduce cost as well as be less damaging to the roads. Wester didn't want to regulate garbage haulers for individuals. An ordinance would have to be drawn up. Motion by Wester to pass this information on to the ZA Steve Kushion for his opinion. Second by Rudich. Discussion ensued. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- D. Board Appointments. Concerning Joe Milauckas and Dayle Harrison planning commission appointments. Wester asked to advertise these positions to the public. McIlwaine was opposed. Phillips asked for younger appointees. Motion by Wester to instruct the clerk to publish openings for Planning Commission. Second by Phillips. Motion passed unanimously 4-1.
- E. Sean Powers current seat on ZBA. Sheridan suggests maybe Powers would consider a seat on the PC. Wester made the motion to advertise for ZBA, same as the PC, Babinski supports. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.
- F. Well Head Protection Resolution. Daryl at KLSWA is putting together a well head protection grant. A protection policy and administrative procedures at each municipality is required. Motion to adopt the resolution to adopt the policy was made by Phillips, supported by Wester. Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Rudich-yes, Babinski-yes, Phillips-yes, McIlwaine-yes.
- G. Water District Refund. Wester commended Sheridan for his work. Sheridan is still working on refund amounts. The total disbursement is going to be over \$70,000. The debt is based on acreage and RAU's. At this time it there is no need to make a motion.
- H. Ordinance Amendment R- 4. McIlwaine had questions regarding Parcel numbers 011-00 and 012-00. Rudich stated they were listed in the second paragraph. These two parcels are the Tallmadge Woods and Deam property. Motion to adopt the R4 amended ordinance made by Wester, second by Rudich. Roll call vote: Phillips-yes, McIlwaine-yes, Wester-yes, Rudich-yes, Babinski-yes.

I. Road Plan Update. Sheridan stated the new plan is essentially the same as old plan however he recrafted to show the cash flow. This plan is a 5 year plan, 2014-2019. Motion to pass five year road plan made by McIlwaine, second by Wester. Discussion about 135<sup>th</sup> street reconstruction. McIlwaine asked why it wasn't included. Sheridan stated there is currently no one living on that street but the plan could be altered in the future. Motion passes 5-0

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning Commission. Did not meet.

Road Commission. No report.

Interurban Board. Parking Shuttle is running July 4<sup>th</sup>-September 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays and Sundays for park party art shows, fireworks and sidewalk sales. Yorktown Ship not coming to Saugatuck this year as it is not running.

Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that a Grant was received for \$14,000.00 to install electric eyes on overhead doors which Greg Janik is taking care of. A truck was sold adding \$35,000.00 cash to the bank. \$20,000.00 added to the fund balance due to increased mileage, selling equipment and changes the Fire Chief has made. Possibly adding a program to provide 9-1-1 signs at the end of driveways coming. Also looking to install an automatic CPR device, LUCAS, into ambulance trucks which would cost approximately \$17,000.00. It might be possible to ask donations for that.

Ambulance Board. No report.

Harbor Committee. Jon Helmrich is looking to move forward with the township becoming a member. City of Saugatuck will hold a meeting July 15 at 7:00, holding a workshop prior at 6:00 and held at Douglas City Hall. Sheridan, Rudich and Jon will try to go to the workshop.

Supervisors Report. No supervisors report at this time.

### **Public Comment.**

Tracy Sheffroth commended Aaron's work with the Cemetery and found him to be compassionate, cooperative and very helpful.

Larry Dickie brought back up the issue of the re-appointing of Milauckas and Harrison and that these two always show up and are always ready.

Kat Cook stated she is torn with the pros and cons of opening the two positions to new blood, asking that the township lay out a specific position description.

Janet Rund also showing support for the re appointing of Dale Harrison as his different way of thinking is beneficial to the township.

Jim Storey of 344 West 34<sup>th</sup> street in Holland, is here to represent and show support for Steve Schulz the candidate for State Representative. Stating that Schulz is a life-long Allegan county resident and has served as the Allegan Township Supervisor for 14 years.

**MEETING AJOURNED**-7:19 P.M.