

**Saugatuck Township Board  
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 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, and Trustee Roy Mcllwaine

**Members absent:** Trustee Jonathan Phillips

**Also Present:** Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

**Public comments.**

Wester opened to public comment. There was none.

**Approval of Agenda.** (additions, deletions, removal of items from consent) Wester asked for changes. Rudich has correspondence from the Zoning Administrator and from the Interurban Director Phyllis Yff. Wester asked to add correspondence to New Business. Agenda approved 4-0.

**Consent Agenda.** Wester asked about the cemetery electricity bills. Sheridan explained the bills were from actual readings and one month the Douglas Cemetery was without power. Mcllwaine asked about Bendzinski payment for water refund. Rudich asked to correct the fire report from last month, per Chief Janik. Mcllwaine moved to accept the Consent agenda and pay invoices totaling \$30,166.56, with changes discussed, Wester supported. Consent agenda approved 4-0.

**Correspondence.** Moved to New Business.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Open Document Use Resolution. Sheridan explained there was a correction on the document presented last month. Resolution was from the State Tax Commission, and is necessary for the Township to be in compliance with the State Assessor. Mcllwaine moved to adopt the policy and procedures for the public inspection and copying of public records in lieu of customary business hours. Wester seconded. Roll call vote, Mcllwaine-yes, Babinski-yes, Wester-yes, Rudich-yes. Motion passed 4-0.
  
- B. Audio Visual Update. Wester stated Sheridan had purchased a 60" monitor for the Board room. Rudich was opposed to the audio expenses. Wester and Mcllwaine requested quotes for system with microphones and hearing loop system. Sheridan would get quotes for next month.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Fire Board Representative. Rudich moved to reappoint McIlwaine as the Township Board representative to the Fire Board, supported by Babinski. Motion passes 4-0.
- B. Interurban Representative. Phil Quade's term is ending in October and Interurban director Phyllis Yff asked that he be reappointed. Wester suggested that a township resident be on the board. Quade is a Douglas resident. McIlwaine and Rudich agreed. Rudich would advertise for a township resident to be the Interurban representative.
- C. Zoning Administrator Correspondence. Fox Ridge Court owners were sent a letter that outline conditions for building that were not met, in order to comply with the fire code. Board supported the Zoning Administrator's position.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Planning Commission. No report.

Road Commission. No report.

Interurban Board. Board was looking at board appointments in October. Interurban will check with their lawyer on who can serve on their board.

Fire Board. McIlwaine noted that Sea Suites donated a canvas cover for the Fire boat. McIlwaine noted that Grace of Douglas has a very high amount of emergency calls. Discussion on ambulance coverage from Fennville and Holland. Sheridan asked about office position

Ambulance Board. Meeting next week to discuss bylaws.

Harbor Committee. Jon Helmrich asked the board to attend Saugatuck City Council meeting to see Edgewater presentation.

Open Board Comments. McIlwaine asked about joint board meeting with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Wester suggested a joint meeting after the Board's November meeting.

County Commissioner Dean Kapinga. Kapinga thanked Sheridan with his help on the Blue Star Trail. Ownership of the trail was still being discussed in several municipalities. Local emergency planning committee hired a person to do preplanning for emergency services. Budget for County was being worked on currently. Discussion on Blue Star Trail

**Public Comment.** Wester opened up for comment. Gerrit Sturris asked about dump day, which is September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETING AJOURNED**-6:37 P.M.