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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

**Wednesday June 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453**

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

Members Present: Bill Wester, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Jonathon Phillips, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Wester asked for public comments. No Comment.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for changes to the agenda. Rudich asked to add Township Board Appointments, and to add Zoning Enforcement update to Unfinished Business. Rudich moved to approve the agenda as presented, Wester seconded. Agenda approved 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. McIlwaine asked about May 6th minutes correction, and Rudich added a time correction. McIlwaine asked if the Tri-community parks contribute to Township parks, Sheridan stated they did not. Phillips stated there were directives that should be added to the May 13th minutes. Rudich stated that he could give further details, if the board wanted. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the consent agenda, without approval of the May 13th minutes, Wester seconded. Consent Agenda passes 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Zoning Enforcement. Wester asked for an update. Sheridan stated that Zoning Administrator Kushion sent the board a memo on progress being made. Kushion stated in the memo that there was progress with the Karaus property, and there were legal remedies for the Fleming property.

New Business:

- A. FOIA Policy. Wester asked for explanation of changes. Rudich stated the FOIA Policy was a state mandate and that the Township had already adopted most of the policy already. Township attorney had provided the updated Policy. Motion by Rudich to adopt FOIA Policy, second by McIlwaine. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Truth in Taxation Budget Hearing. Wester stated he was not in favor of the health insurance increase. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the 2015-2016 budget as presented, second by Rudich. No discussion. Motion passes 3-2. Sheridan stated that the Appropriations Act Resolution and Salary Resolution also need approval. Rudich made the motion to adopt the Budget Amendments based upon the Appropriations Act for the 2016 Budget, second by Wester. Roll call vote: Rudich, yes; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Phillips, yes. Motion Passes 5-0. Rudich made the motion to adopt the Resolution for the 2016 elected officials salaries, Wester supported. Roll call vote: Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Wester, yes; Babinski, yes; Rudich, yes. Motion Passes 5-0.

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- C. Laketown Township Attorney Consent. Wester asked Sheridan to explain. Sheridan explained that former Township Attorney Ron Bultje is the Attorney for Laketown Township. Bultje has asked the Board to waive their right to refuse to let Bultje work for Laketown township. Wester questioned how the Township could prevent Bultje from working. Sheridan stated that there was a conflict and this would forbid Bultje from working on sewer and water matters. Sheridan explained the Bultje asked for this waiver. Wester disagreed with the rush to make a decision. Phillips stated it looked like the memo was to cover Bultje. McIlwaine made the motion to decline to waive consent on Laketown Township using Ron Bultje for water and sewer, with second by Phillips. Wester asked if it was legal to deny work for Bultje and wanted more time to debate. Motion passes 4-1.
- D. Fireworks Ordinance. Wester stated that an Ordinance would be unenforceable. Board agreed. McIlwaine asked to talk to Sheriff's office. Discussion about enforceability. No action taken.
- E. Auditor. Wester asked Sheridan to explain. Sheridan asked the Board if they wanted to continue with Seigfreid Crandall. Sheridan stated he had other auditor's pricing, but Seigfreid Crandall was lower. Wester asked Rudich his opinion on their audit. Rudich and Babinski stated they were happy with the service, even though there was an error in a table in the audit. McIlwaine asked if switching auditors might be good. Rudich stated that the down side would be hiring an auditor who didn't know the Township workings. Wester made the motion to renew auditor Seigfreid Crandall, second by Phillips. Motion Passes 5-0.
- F. Tax Foreclosed Property. Sheridan explained that K.L.S.W.A. passed a resolution to approve the purchase of foreclosed property from the Township. The Township would purchase the land and KLSWA would purchase the property from the Township. Motion by Wester to pass a Resolution to purchase tax foreclosed property to convey to K.L.S.W.A., second by Rudich. Roll call vote: McIlwaine, yes; Phillips, yes; Rudich, yes; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes. Motion passes 5-0.
- G. Zoning and Planning City of Saugatuck. Sheridan explained that Steve Kushion was the new Saugatuck City Zoning Administrator. Sheridan explained that there was no conflict of interest in Kushion's job.
- H. Township Board Appointments. Sheridan stated that he had talked to the heads of the boards about appointments and ending terms. Sheridan stated there was support to appoint John Tuckerman as Alternate to the ZBA, to replace Marcia Tucker. Wester made the motion to appoint Tuckerman as Alternate to the ZBA, second by Phillips. Motion passes 5-0. Planning Commission re-appointment discussion. Wester made the motion to re-appoint Kat Cook and Ed Welk to the Planning Commission, second by McIlwaine. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Phillips asked about a quote for a 3rd summer mowing. Sheridan had a new quote.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that Phil Quade suggested a historical marker for the Interurban in Saugatuck City.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine stated response time was still under 6 minutes. Department received a FEMA grant of \$137,000 for purchase of air packs. Lucy street boat dock was vandalized. Department was under budget. Grace of Douglas priority 3 responses were resolved. Department was reimbursed for marsh burn.
- E. Ambulance Committee. Wester stated that he would recommend the Township pulling out of the the Emergency Services Committee and contract with AMR. Wester asked Sheridan to talk to AMR about contracting with Township separately. Sheridan stated the contract would still be reviewed by Township Attorney, and then there would be two options at the next meeting. Item would be added to July agenda.
- F. Harbor Authority. Jon Helmrich discussed Harbor Authority updates on action items. Subcommittee was started to discuss Township joining the Authority. Launch etiquette and signage was discussed.

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Bouy placement was discussed. Saugatuck and Douglas would each fund a study with Edgewater. Municipal marina discussed.

G. Open Board Report.

H. County Commissioner. Dean Kapenga reported on park improvements to Westside County Park.

Public Comments: Wester asked for public comments. No Comments.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Brad Rudich, Clerk