

Approved MINUTES

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**Wednesday July 1, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Saugatuck Township Hall  
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453**

**MINUTES**

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, Roy McIlwaine.

**Absent:** Jonathan Phillips.

**Also Present:** Manager Aaron Sheridan.

**Public Comment:** Wester asked for public comments. Ray Eggert asked for zoning changes for rental houses that were causing noise on Silver Lake. Gerrit Sturrus commented on rental houses and home occupations. Board recommended communicating with the Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator.

**Approval of Agenda:** Wester asked for changes to the agenda. No Changes.

**Consent Agenda:** Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. McIlwaine asked to correct the Fire Board report. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, Rudich seconded. Consent Agenda passes 4-0.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Emergency Service Committee, AMR discussion. Wester recommended the Township separate from the Committee. Sheridan described the two options available. Option one would be subsidized, and option two would be a non-subsidized version. AMR General Manager Dick Whipple commented that rates would remain the same. McIlwaine asked if service would be changed and Whipple said it would not change. Wester thanked Whipple for his work. Wester made the motion to approve option two(2) with AMR, McIlwaine seconded. Discussion on issues with opting out and possible public hearing. Item would be added to next meeting agenda. Roll call vote: Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Rudich, yes. Motion passes 4-0.

**New Business:**

- A. Retiree Health Insurance. Wester asked if the Township could make changes. Rudich stated that he thought that the board had to provide health insurance for Schreckengust, but did not have to pay for it. Sheridan asked to get a legal review with options on possible co-pays. Wester asked for several possible co-payment options, instead of a full payment. Wester suggested eliminating health insurance completely. McIlwaine asked if there were other insurance options for Schreckengust. Rudich stated that changes to the supplemental health insurance would cancel the plan. McIlwaine made the motion to table until review by counsel, Wester seconded. Motion passes 4-0.
- B. April 6 Special Meeting. Wester stated he was not trying to change anything that was done in the meeting, but didn't care that it was done in his absence. Wester passed out correspondence to the Board and Press. Rudich passed out correspondence to the Board and Press. Rudich asked what Wester's issue was. Wester stated he did not like the process in which the Attorney was removed.

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- C. Gary Raak Retirement. Plumbing inspector will retire September 1, 2015. Raak recommended and Sheridan agreed that Bob Modreske replace Gary Raak. Modreske is the mechanical inspector for the Township already. Modreske has said he would like to do plumbing inspections also. Rudich made the motion to appoint Modreske as plumbing inspector, Wester seconded. No discussion. Motion carries 4-0.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the shuttle was running weekends, with 55 passenger average. Saugatuck Schools would like to charge for parking at the High School.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine stated Fire Board was concerned about the Water and Sewer agreements getting finalized.
- E. Ambulance Committee. No report.
- F. Harbor Authority. No report.
- G. Open Board Report. Babinski asked to change the meeting time from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Item to be placed on next months agenda.
- H. County Commissioner. No report.

**Public Comments:** Wester asked for public comments. Garret Sturris commented that he was in favor of retirement health insurance.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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Brad Rudich, Clerk