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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday August 5, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

Approved 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, Jonathan Phillips.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Wester asked for public comments. Ray Eggert asked if the Board had any new information on rental houses that were causing noise on Lorrimar Lane. Sandra Lauer introduced herself and asked to be appointed to the Library Board. Barb Paulger commented on rental house issues on Newport Drive and asked for more rules. Selim Erhan owner of the rental house on Newport Drive disputed issues with his rental property. Nancy Vandenberg asked about a fireworks ordinance.

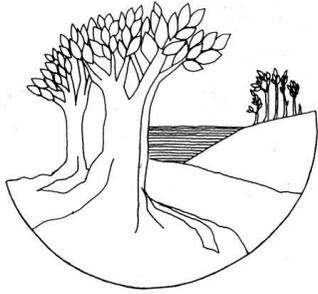
Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for changes to the agenda. Rudich added correspondence and change to Section 8h of OMA. McIlwaine asked to move up Committee Reports and Public Comment up before the Closed Session.

Consent Agenda: Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. McIlwaine asked to correct the Minutes for the June 25 meeting, Bill Wester was absent. Babinski asked to correct the Interurban report to Saugatuck Schools want to charge for parking at the High School. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, Phillips seconded. Consent Agenda passes 5-0.

Correspondence: Brandy Erlandson wrote the Board in support of appointing Sandra Lauer to the Library Board.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Rental Ordinance Update and Discussion. Wester asked for discussion. McIlwaine asked for a joint meeting with the Planning Commission. Rudich asked for Zoning Administrator Kushion to update. Kushion explained the issues currently with short term rentals have to do with noise, number of occupants, extra traffic and multiple vehicles. Kushion suggested a minimum length of stay and maximum number of renters, be a requirement, because hotels are not allowed in residential districts. Kushion suggested strengthening the noise ordinance. Sheridan asked Attorney Curcio to discuss the issue. Curcio stated there were two issues, land use and a rental ordinance is the first step. The other



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issue is public nuisance issues. Curcio stated the noise ordinance should be addressed and tightened. Curcio asked neighbors to call the police if there were issues. Wester asked for suggestions on a joint meeting date. Board agreed to joint meeting with PC on September 9 at 6 p.m.

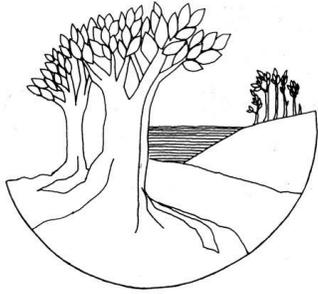
New Business:

- A. AMR Service Contract. Wester stated that Township has agreed to a new contract with AMR without subsidy, starting August 1st. Wester asked Rudich if any action needed to be taken. Rudich stated there was no action, just the announcement that the contract was signed.
- B. Blue Star Non-Motorized Trail. Jeanne Van Zoeren gave a presentation on the Blue Star Trail. Van Zoeren gave updates on costs, easements and funding requirements for sections of the Trailway. The exit ramp off of East bound I-196 will be changed to make way for a bike lane.
- C. Address Changes. Wester asked Sheridan for an update. Sheridan stated there were several addresses in the Township that need to be corrected with Allegan County Health Department. Wester made the motion to update the addresses with the County, Rudich seconded. Motion passes 5-0.
- D. Roadside Mowing. Sheridan would like the Township to send a RFP for mowing, instead of asking the County to bid out the job. Wester made the motion to independently bid the roadside mowing, McIlwaine seconded. Discussion on following up on mowing before payment is made. Motion passes 5-0.
- E. Library Board Appointment. Rudich announced that the Township representative to the Library Board would be chosen at the September meeting. Sheridan asked if publication was necessary, board agreed to publish for the position.
- F. Township Board Meeting Time. Discussion on regular meeting time change to 5:00 p.m. Wester asked the audience for comment on time. Phillips made the motion to leave the meeting time at 6:00, second by Wester. Motion passes 5-0.

Public Comment: Sandra Lauer gave the Board her background. Mark Mikolitis of Lakeshore Lodging spoke and gave suggestions to enforce short term rentals and offered to help on future the Rental Ordinance. Garret Sturris commented on the noise ordinance, and asked for revisions. Leslie Pollack of the Kalamazoo Homeowners Association commented on urgency to control short term rentals. Barb Paulger commented that she had proof of the nuisances from the nearby rental. Selim Erhan of Newport Drive commented that he did not like a limit on minimum stays. Kathy Plapp of Newport Drive commented on Newport rental and asked the board to look at other communities Ordinances.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich reported that the PC talked about short term rentals, and the Tri-Community Plan. Steve Kushion gave an update on the Fleming sign.
- B. Road Commission. Phillips commented on Wiley Road fix and boundary repair on 60th Street with Manlius Township.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported the Director is looking at new dispatching software.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine stated there will be no priority 3 calls at Grace of Douglas.
- E. Harbor Authority. No report.
- F. Open Board Report. No Report.



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G. County Commissioner. No report.

Closed Session to Discuss Litigation Strategy Pursuant to Section 8h of the OMA: McIlwaine made the motion to go into closed session, Wester seconded. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business.

- A. Employee Benefit Ordinance Amendment. Sheridan explained that the Township Attorney recommended the Board pass an Ordinance that allowed the Township to provide health insurance. Rudich made the motion to Amend Chapter 2, Article III, Division 1, of the Code of Ordinances Concerning Employee Benefits, McIlwaine seconded. Roll call vote: McIlwaine, yes; Phillips, yes; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; Rudich, yes. Ordinance passes 5-0.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Brad Rudich, Clerk