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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday September 2, 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. Mary Whiteford of Casco Township announced that she was running for State Representative. Barb Paulger commented that she had received a cease and desist from her neighbor concerning his rental property. Ray Eggert asked the board about a 30 day minimum on rentals. Wester stated the Joint meeting would address the short term rentals. Ingrid Boyer Library Director stated that she was excited about working with all municipalities. Mark Chancey stated his experience would be useful in the Library Board position.

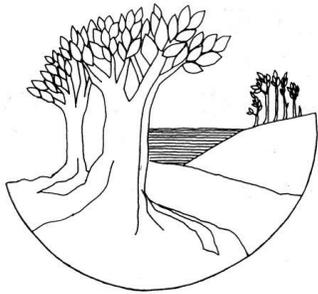
Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for changes to the agenda. Rudich asked to scratch 9. Closed Session.

Consent Agenda: Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. McIlwaine commented that the General Fund is up over the past couple of years and thanked Sheridan. Rudich made the motion to approve the consent agenda, McIlwaine seconded. Consent Agenda passes 5-0.

Correspondence: Selim Erhan wrote the board stating his rental property was being unfairly critized. Ray Eggert wrote supporting 30 day minimum rentals and asked why hotels were permitted in residential areas.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Library Board Appointment. Wester stated the Board had two great candidates in Mark Chancey and Sandra Lauer. McIlwaine stated the demographic of the Library Board was mostly female and it might be a good idea to have a male appointed. Phillips asked both candidates how they see the Library moving forward. Lauer stated there should be more reaching out to the community and getting more information to the public, and asking questions about previous concerns and possibly doing a survey. Lauer stated she would be objective since she was not previously employed by the Library. Chancey stated that the public didn't know what the issues with the Library were. Chancey stated there might be alternatives to what was planned. McIlwaine made the motion to appoint Mark Chancey to the Library



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Board, Rudich seconded. Motion passes 3-2. Sheridan stated that he talked to both candidates and that both were very qualified.

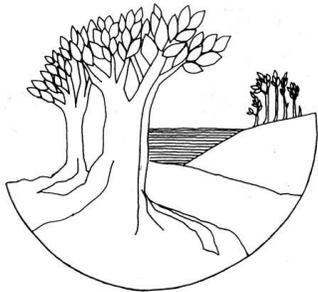
New Business:

- A. Employee Policy Resolution. Wester asked Sheridan to explain. Sheridan stated that the Township was re-adopting the Resolution to agree with the new Employee Policy Ordinance. Wester made the motion to pass the Employee Policy Resolution, second by Phillips. Roll call vote: Rudich, yes; Wester, yes; Babinski, yes; Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes. Rudich made the motion that the Township continue providing health care insurance for retiree Carol Shreckengust, but that she will be responsible for any cost associated, as of November 1st, 2015. Discussion on timing, notification and cost. McIlwaine seconded the motion. Roll call vote: McIlwaine, yes; Phillips, yes; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; Rudich, yes. Resolution passes 5-0.
- B. Constable Ordinance Amendment. Wester stated that the Constable position was still on our ballots. With this amendment the Township Board would be able to dictate by resolution who was the Township Constable. Wester made the motion to approve the Constable Ordinance Amendment, Rudich seconded. Roll call vote: Wester, yes; Babinski, yes; Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Rudich, yes. Ordinance passes 5-0.
- C. Fire Prevention Ordinance Amendment. Wester stated the Township had to re-adopt the 2012 Fire Code. Sheridan stated the Township had adopted by resolution, but an Ordinance was needed. McIlwaine made the motion to adopt the Fire Prevention Ordinance, Wester seconded. Discussion on typos. Roll call vote: Phillips, yes; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; Rudich, yes; McIlwaine, yes. Ordinance passes 5-0.
- D. Zoning Map Amendment. Wester asked for input. Sheridan stated the new map shows all the changes to Township Zoning since the last printing. The map shows already approved changes to zoning and annexation. Rudich made the motion to approve the new zoning map, McIlwaine seconded. Motion passes 5-0.
- E. Al Ellingsen Education Expense. Wester made the motion to approve Ellingsens' education expense, second by Phillips. Motion passes 5-0.
- F. Water Connection Rate Resolution. Sheridan stated that the water connection rates haven't changed for at least 10 years. This would establish the water connection rate at \$4,000 per REU. Rudich made the motion to approve the Resolution to increase water connection rates, Wester seconded. Roll call vote: Babinski, yes; Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Rudich, yes; Wester, yes. Resolution passes 5-0.
- G. Allegan County Resource Recovery. Rudich stated Allegan County Recycling Coordinator Ben Williams was asking for a letter of support for a ballot proposal. Sheridan stated the actual ballot language would be checked by our attorney before the proposal is on the ballot. The proposal would raise the surcharge from \$25.00 to \$50.00 per year. Discussion on other recycling alternatives for the future. Phillips made the motion to support the ballot initiative, Rudich seconded. Motion passes 5-0.

Public Comment:

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No meeting.



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- B. Road Commission. Phillips commented that Sheridan was going to have the Allegan County Debt crew trim roadside weeds in the upcoming month.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine stated there was a 4% increase in emergency EMS calls this year. Chris Mantels was appointed to full time as an inspector. Fire Board voted to change MERS retirement plans. Fire Department was working with pipeline company on how to handle a possible spill. Man who caused illegal burn was not paying the cost recovery fee.
- E. Harbor Authority. No report.
- F. Open Board Report. Sheridan stated the work on Blue Star would begin after labor day and Indian Point Road construction had started. McIlwaine asked if the Blue Star Trail would be done at the same time. Sheridan stated there were not funds available yet. Rudich stated there would be an Ambulance Fund rebate discussed next month.

Public Comments.

- A. Wester asked for public comment. Dana Migida wanted to lodge a complaint against the Interurban and stated they were not properly trained. Phyllis Yff, Interurban Director stated that the drivers are properly trained for accidents. Yff asked if construction updates would be made available. Sheridan stated the County was not good at updating project construction. Marcia Tucker warned about IRS scams. Tucker asked about extending water south in the Township. Sheridan would take it under advisement and do research. Dana Migida stated she was on a well.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Brad Rudich, Clerk