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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday October 7, 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: None.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for changes to the agenda. McIlwaine asked to move closed session item 9 to after item 10 Committee Reports.

Consent Agenda: Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. No questions. Rudich made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Wester seconded. Consent Agenda passes 5-0.

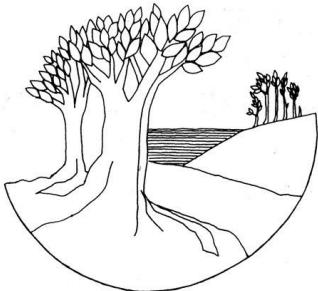
Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Ambulance Refund. Wester asked Sheridan to comment. Sheridan stated that since the Ambulance district had a remaining balance, there would be a tax rebate to pay back Ambulance funds. Rudich stated that the amount was \$3734.37. Rudich stated that the Township Auditors and Attorneys explained that it didn't have to be paid back, but thought it was a good idea. McIlwaine made the motion to refund the surplus, second by Wester. Roll call vote: McIlwaine, Rudich, Babinski, Phillips, Wester all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Tri-Community Master Plan. Sheridan stated that the Master Plan was finished. This step was for the Township Board to distribute to plan to neighboring municipalities for review. Rudich stated the only thing the board was approving was the distribution. The full plan would be reviewed at a large joint meeting. Wester made the motion to forward the plan, Phillips seconded, Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Noise Ordinance. Sheridan stated that the Noise Ordinance with the Fireworks Ordinance were the first steps needed to strengthen the Short Term Rental Ordinance. Phillips stated that the discussion from committee included possible Township Policing. Wester asked Undersheriff Frank Baker what the cost



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of a single police officer would be. Baker responded that he estimated at least \$100,000 dollars would be the cost of a deputy and car. McIlwaine asked about the County policing. Baker stated the County would not typically enforce local ordinances, only at the request of the Township Supervisor. Wester made the motion to approve the Noise Ordinance, second by Rudich. Roll call vote: Wester, Phillips, Babinski, Rudich, McIlwaine all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.

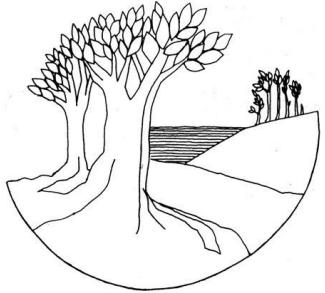
- C. Fireworks Ordinance. Rudich made the motion to pass the Fireworks Ordinance, second by Phillips. Discussion. Sheridan stated there were portions of the Fireworks Ordinance that would be responded to by the Sheriff. Roll call vote: Rudich, Babinski, Phillips, Wester, McIlwaine Motion passes 5-0.
- D. Utilities. Sheridan introduced Dana Burd as the Township Engineer. The public utilities of the Southgate Commerce Park near exit 36 and Blue Star Hwy at Southgate Ave. parcel number 0320-021-026-00, are not fit to be permitted. Prein and Newhof would inspect the utilities and recommend changes and or upgrades to make the sewer and water useable for future development. Burd explained there was a cursory review and that was how Prein and Newhof came up with projected costs to make the lines serviceable. Wester was concerned about expending resources before a possible sale. Sheridan stated it was worth the investment to make that property saleable. McIlwaine asked if we should wait until it was sold, Rudich stated that the sale of the property would be in place only if the Township made the lines up to specifications. Rudich made the motion approve the proposal from Prein and Newhof to review the Southgate utilities, cost not exceeding \$41,350, with second from McIlwaine, discussion on the Township recovering costs when the connections were made. Motion passes, 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Possible changes from Industrial Zone District at 63rd and Old Allegan to A-2 Zone District. There was a request to rezone part or all of Blue Star corridor to allow for Storage Units, but PC agreed that would not be a good idea. Discussion on Tri-Community plan.
- B. Road Committee. Blue Star Hwy was being partially paved and Indian Point Dr. was finished.
- C. Interurban. Board passed a 2.5% wage increase. Director's objectives this year annual employee review, post board minutes on their website and create a dispatch and driver procedure manual, review dispatch software and camera options, and create a customer satisfaction survey.
- 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 has plan in place and 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. McIlwaine stated the Local Observer wrongly reported a settlement agreement. Sheridan stated that the dog park had a new parking surface from Blue Star Hwy milling. Sheridan stated the Parks Commission was looking at building a deck at Sundown Park.

Closed Session to Discuss Litigation Strategy Pursuant to Section 8h of the OMA.

Rudich made motion to go into closed session to discuss legal strategy, second by Wester. Motion passes 5-0.



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Board came back into open meeting. Wester made the motion to approve the stipulated settlement with Fleming West Michigan Land Co. on barricade removal and site restoration, second by Rudich. Roll call vote: Phillips, yes; Babinski, yes; Rudich, yes; McIlwaine, no; Wester, yes. Motion passes 4-1.

Public Comments.

- A. Wester asked for public comment. Frank Baker, Under Sheriff of Allegan County thanked the board for contact about new Township Ordinances. McIlwaine asked if there was a noise issue with a neighbor, would the County come. Baker stated the County would come and asked that the complainant state that they would like to be contacted after the Sheriff shows up, instead of an anonymous call.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Brad Rudich, Clerk