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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday March 2, 2016, 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, Jonathan Phillips.

Absent: Roy McIlwaine.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for changes to the agenda. Rudich asked to add to New Business, Blue Star Trail Easement. No objections to agenda change.

Consent Agenda: Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. Wester asked about Heavener Property Services bill for Parks and asked if he only charges us for times plowed. Rudich stated the billing was per plowing. Wester motion to approve the consent agenda, Phillips supported. Consent Agenda passes 5-0.

Correspondence:

- A. Leighton Township Correspondence. Rudich stated that Leighton Township was considering allowing golf carts on some roads, and asked for objections. There were no objections.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None.

New Business:

- A. Tri-Community Master Plan Adoption Resolution. Wester asked Sheridan what the Board needed to do. Sheridan explained that this was the last step that our Planners advised to be done to adopt the Tri-Community Master Plan. Both Cities were about to adopt the same also. Rudich stated that the Planning Commission had the authority in adopting the Master Plan, and that this was a formal Township Board resolution approving of that adoption. Wester made the motion to adopt the Resolution to adopt the Tri-Community Master Plan, Phillips supported. Roll call vote: Rudich, Wester, Babinski, Phillips; all vote yes. Resolution passes 4-0.
- B. Storage Unit Hazardous Material Public Service Announcement. Wester asked if this only pertained to Storage Units, Sheridan said yes. Phillips asked about volume limits on storage. Sheridan stated that storage of any volume of the listed materials was illegal in a storage unit. Phillips asked if that wording

was needed in a storage contract, Sheridan stated it should be stated. Sheridan stated this was the first step to make the public aware of the issue. Issue came from storage unit explosion in Manlius Township. Rudich made the motion to publish the Public Service Announcement concerning Storage Units. Sheridan that the Board adopted the IFC code and should advise residents of such. Motion passes 4-0.

- C. Allegan County Recycling Proposal Resolution. Allegan County Recycling Coordinator Ben Williams addressed the Board to discuss a proposal asking for a Ballot initiative. Williams noted that the Contract with Republic Services was due to be bid and was expected to go up. Saugatuck Township has not increased the cost of recycling since the program started. The initiative would charge all residences \$36.00 per year for recycling, and there would be no opt out. Wester asked if the voters reject the initiative, what would happen. Williams stated the recycling program would stay the same, but the Township would have to look at it's options. Motion by Rudich to approve the Ballot Proposal and Interlocal Agreement for the funding of waste reduction programs and for the collection of materials for recycling, second by Wester. Roll call vote: Phillip, yes; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; Rudich, yes. Resolution passes 4-0. Williams gave an additional update. Recycling solid waste fees are going up. On June 4th there will be a regional event for recycling computers and other appliances. Scrap tire collection date is coming. Republic would like to adjust some recycle routes in Saugatuck Township.
- D. County Roads Work Order 2016 Dust Control and Mowing. Rudich stated this was already approved but needed a correction on the year of the WO. Wester made the motion to approve, Phillips seconded. Motion passes 4-0.
- E. Capital Improvement Plan Fleis & Vanderbrink. Sheridan explained the plan is a requirement of the Department of Environmental Quality for K.L.S.W.A. to put together the plan and KLSWA put a consolidated asset management plan together for all the Municipalities. There will be an updated plan in 2018. Wester made the motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan, Rudich supported. Roll call vote: Wester, yes; Babinski, yes; Phillips, yes; Rudich, yes. Motion passes 4-0.
- F. Blue Star Trail Easement. The Friends of the Blue Star Trail were requesting that the Township purchase an Easement for \$800.00. Wester made the motion to purchase the easement, Babinski supported. Roll call vote: Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; Rudich, yes; Phillips, yes.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Passed the Tri-Community Plan. Looking at additional steps in the Oil and Gas Drilling SAU.
- B. Road Committee. No report.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the Audit was available to view at the hall.
- D. Fire Board. No report.
- E. Harbor Commission Report. Jon Helmrich updated the Board on the Harbor Authority. The sub-committee discussed the points and possibility of getting the Township to join the Authority. The Harbor Authority will draft a proposal to ask the Township to join the Authority. Sub-committee will meet again in March, and have proposal ready to present in a couple of months.
- F. Open Board Report. None.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
Brad Rudich, Clerk