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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday June 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
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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, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: No comments.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions. Added correspondence from James Cook.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. 1st Impressions Printing through We the People Flag Company. Total to be paid \$2,971.79.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. May 4, 2016 Meeting.
 - b. May 19, 2016 Special Meeting.

Phillips made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes, second by Rudich. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence:

- A. Cherie Giller. Wrote in support of lowering the Supervisor Salary.
- B. James Cook. Wrote to support leaving the Supervisor Salary the same.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None.

New Business:

- A. Dangerous Building. Sheridan explained that the house at M-89 (parcel #20-034-011-50) was in complete disrepair and Z.A. Kushion was in talks with the owners to demolish the house and clean up the property. No board action taken.
- B. Trash Hauler Business License Fee. Sheridan explained that outdated license practice of charging trash hauler's a \$25 license fee annually. Kushion wrote that there was nothing in the ordinances that

required the fee from trash haulers. Kushion recommended dropping the fee. Board agreed and instructed Kushion to drop the fees.

- C. Discussion on Kalamazoo Lake Harbor Authority. Wester asked for input from Jon Helmrich. Wester asked what the cost for joining would be, Helmrich responded, “potentially nothing”. There is no buy-in or current operating expenses. The next step would be to have a public hearing to hear public input on Township joining the Harbor Authority. Tabled until July meeting to advertise a public hearing.
- D. General Liability Insurance. Sheridan explained that he had been unhappy with par plan ever since they denied claims for injunctive relief against the Township. Sheridan stated that another agent offered another policy that was more competitive and cost effective. McIlwaine asked if the coverage was the same. Coverage would include defense of non-monetary and injunctive relief against board members. Sheridan and Rudich met with the agents and went through the policy with the agents for over two hours. Sheridan suggested to move to the new provider. Clerk was instructed to secure the new general liability insurance policy.
- E. 2016-2017 Truth in Taxation Budget Hearing. Wester asked Sheridan to run through the budget. Sheridan explained that the Township budgets by department. Wester asked about insurance budget. Discussion on Assessor department and if Ambulance fund was zeroed out. Attorney fees budgeted was down. Wage increases were a uniform 3%. Salary per diem discussion for Planning Commission and Zoning Board. Rudich made the motion to approve the official’s salaries and amend the Supervisor’s salary to be a \$100 per diem, supported by McIlwaine. Discussion on salary for Supervisor and duties. Roll call vote: Rudich, yes; Wester, no; Babinski, no; Phillips, no; McIlwaine, yes. Motion fails 2-3. Phillips made the motion to adopt the official’s salaries, Wester supported. No discussion. Roll call vote: Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, no; Babinski, yes; Wester, yes; Rudich, no. Motion passes 3-2. Rudich made the motion to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Appropriations Act, with support by Wester. Roll call vote: all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0. Rudich made the motion to adopt the 2016-17 Township budget by department, supported by Wester. Roll call vote: all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Committee. Road side mowing to start soon
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported the board approved the L-4029 to levy .4968 mills.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that Fire on Lakeshore was handled well. Incident calls were down 4%. Motor vehicle incidents due to distracted driving are an issue. Response time is under 5 minutes. \$7600 in cost recovery for the year.
- E. Harbor Commission Report. Jon Helmrich reported about boat ramp signage. Discussion on appointment term for Harbor commission discussion tabled until next meeting.
- F. Open Board Report. McIlwaine asked about broadband internet. Phillips added information website. McIlwaine asked about progress on an internet transaction safe area. McIlwaine spoke with a High School student council rep.

Public Comment: None.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk