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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday July 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

DRAFT 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: Abigail Nobel introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions. No changes, agenda approved unanimously.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.

a. Accident Fund through Williams and Works. Total to be paid \$36,604.43.

B. A/P check register to be post-audited.

C. Payroll check register.

D. Approval of Minutes.

a. June 1, 2016 Meeting. McIlwaine asked to add “new liability policy will include non-monetary, injunctive relief, lawsuits against the Township”

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

Correspondence:

A. None.

Unfinished Business:

A. Frontier DSL Update. Sheridan gave update. Sheridan and Rudich met with two regional managers from Frontier Communications. Frontier would put together a proposal on improving DSL with Township help. No timetable was set.

B. Internet Transaction Safe Area. Sheridan updated the Board. No changes

C. Township Board Appointments. Rudich stated Maggie Conklin, Bill Rowe, John Tuckerman were up for re-appointment to three year terms. Wester made the motion to re-appoint Conklin, Rowe, and Tuckerman, second by Phillips. Motion passes 4-1.

New Business:

- A. Police Protection for Fire Department. Wester asked Fire Chief Janik to talk. Janik asked for consideration to look into police coverage for the Township and especially the Fire Department. McIlwaine suggested a Township Board member join a police committee, with the Fire Chief, Saugatuck council member and Douglas council member. McIlwaine stated potential solutions could be County coverage, a unified Police District, or a pay per call response. Rudich added possible increase in the Fire Department millage to pay for coverage. Rudich made the motion to appoint Jon Phillips to Policing committee, second by McIlwaine. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Public Hearing – Saugatuck Township Joining Harbor Authority. Sheridan stated the Township had a Resolution of Intent to join the Harbor Authority. McIlwaine made the motion to make public the Township attorney’s memo concerning the Authority. Phillips supported. Motion passes 5-0. Wester opened up the Public Hearing. Jon Helmrich thanked the board for discussing joining the Authority. Patty Birkholz supported the Township joining the Harbor Authority and asked the three communities to work together to grow the community. Ken Trester of Saugatuck stated that the Harbor Authority was interested in Township joining as a full partner. Trester spoke of the Edgewater Associates plan for the harbor. Lisa Greenwood of Douglas spoke in support of the Township joining the Harbor Authority. Greenwood stressed a united effort from the three Municipalities to fix harbor issues. Bill Boik, retired from the DNR, stated that the DNR likes to see community partnerships, especially when funding projects. Terry Klinge of the Township was concerned about costs. Phillips asked if there were separate plans for the Cities and the Harbor Authority. Ken Trester answered that the Cities each looked at options, and the Authority tried to incorporate both. McIlwaine made the motion to table discussion, Wester seconded. Motion passes 5-0. McIlwaine made the motion to close the Public Hearing supported by Wester. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. Saugatuck Township Audit. Rudich explained that the 2015-2016 audit is Scheduled for September.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Committee. Road side mowing went very well.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported the board was looking into expanding hours.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported an increase in year to date calls. Motor vehicle incidents have increased. Response time stayed the same. Cost recovery was at \$8,500 for the year. Fund raisers for jaws of life equipment. A burn building was being brought to the Township Planning Commission.
- E. Harbor Commission Report. Jon Helmrich reported that the Authority passed a motion supporting a public marina. The DEQ will have grants available in August.
- F. Open Board Report. McIlwaine asked if the Township could ask County Commissioner Dean Kappenga about repairing the washout on Lakeshore Drive. Rudich had asked Road Commission Director Larry Brown, who stated it was unlikely.

Public Comment: Chris Mantels stated support for Police service in the Township. There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk