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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday September 7, 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, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Chris Roerig thanked the board for it's work and cautioned about spending.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions. There were none.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. Allegan County Treasurer through Standard Insurance. Total to be paid \$16,214.86.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. August 3, 2016 Meeting.
 - b. August 9, 2016 Special Meeting.

McIlwaine asked about Scholten & Fant bill. Phillips asked about attorney expenses spent on Harbor Authority. McIlwaine asked about Municode invoice for codifying Ordinances. Phillips made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes, second by Wester. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence:

- A. Bob & Jackie DeZwaan wrote in objection of narrowing Blue Star Hwy bridge lanes and Trail on Maple St.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None.

New Business:

- A. Blue Star Trail Resolution to support. Wester asked Jason Raleigh from Hurley and Stewart Engineering to speak about the Project. Raleigh explained that the Trail segment that was to be constructed would go from Maple Street and Blue Star Hwy and run to North St. This would be an off

road 10 foot wide HMA trail. There will be some boardwalk structures to get over Raleigh opened. Question raised on eliminating center lane on Blue Star. Raleigh stated that was out of scope of this project. Jim Searing asked about construction schedule. Construction would start in the spring of 2017. Wester asked about DEQ approval. Raleigh stated DEQ permits were already acquired. Jane Verplank asked about trail portion in front of Fire Department. Jeanne VanZoren of the Friends of the Blue Star Trail spoke on connectivity of bike trails along the lakeshore going to the Upper Peninsula. Wester made the motion approve the Resolution to adopt the connectivity design plan to connect the Blue Star Trail, Rudich supported. Roll call vote: Rudich, yes; Wester, yes; Babinski, yes; Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes. Resolution passes 5-0.

- B. Interurban Board Appointment. Wester made the motion to reappoint Babinski to Interurban Board, Phillips seconded. McIlwaine stated that a letter of support from Interurban Director Yff supported Babinski. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. IT Right E-mail Security. Sheridan stated that e-mail threats were increasing and suggested more security. Wester asked if there were other quotes. Sheridan stated this was software from the Township's contracted IT firm. Rudich made the motion to direct Sheridan to purchase software, Wester supported. McIlwaine stated comparable software was similar in price. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich reported that Saugatuck Fire Department burn building was presented and was approved.
- B. Road Committee. Phillips reported that Blue Star Highway repaving was almost finished.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the Interurban was acquiring a new bus. Customer community surveys were being compiled and the board would review later in September.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that October 2nd would be the open house. Fire Department was looking at a State of Michigan tribute for Gerald Bekken. Cost recovery was \$5427.00 for the month. Live training facility was approved behind the Fire Barn. Cost of facility was being shared by several municipalities. Facility would cost \$75,000.
- E. Harbor Authority Report. Written report from Jon Helmrich reported that the Authority was getting input from the DNR on appropriate language for new launch signage, Kirk Harrier is leading this. Helmrich expressed that the Township was expecting a response to legal issues raised in seeking full membership. Harbor Authority was engaging ex-official from the DNR, Bill Boik, to consult with the Authority. Meeting set with WMEAC to discuss potential Water Trails grants from the DEQ that could support a Harbor project.
- F. Open Board Report. Rudich reported that the Primary Election had a recount for the Supervisor office and went well, there was no change.

Public Comment: Patty Birkholz commented further on West Michigan Environmental Action Council promoting potential Water Trails throughout Michigan. Chris Roerig thanked the board for the plaque at the Dog Park for Linda Roerig. Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk