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## SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday October 5, 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:** Gerrit Sturuss asked what date the new board would be sworn in. Rudich said it would be November 20<sup>th</sup>, on the next business day and the December meeting would be with the new board.

**Approval of Agenda:** Wester asked for any additions or deletions. None.

#### Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
  - a. Allegan County through Stanley Steamer. Total to be paid \$21,351.27.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
  - a. September 7, 2016 Meeting.

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

#### Correspondence:

- A. None.

#### Unfinished Business:

- A. None.

#### New Business:

- A. Cemetery Recapture Devine. Sheridan explained that Mr. Devine requested that the Township recapture the three spaces at \$120.00 each. This has been the practice for the Township in the past. Wester made the motion, second by Rudich. passes 5-0.
- B. Lakeshore Drive Washout Discussion. McIlwaine stated that Fire Chief Janik requested the discussion at a Fire Board meeting, because of fire and ambulance response time concerns south of the Lakeshore

Drive washout. It was requested that Lakeshore Drive be repaired for traffic, or an alternate access road be constructed. The right of way on the original road has also been encroached upon by landowners. McIlwaine met with County Commissioner Dean Kapenga and Chief Janik at the washout to discuss options. McIlwaine requested to ask the County Road Commission to address the public safety issue. Rudich suggested a public hearing. McIlwaine asked to notify the nearby landowners, and invite Chief Janik, Road Commission Director Larry Brown and County Commissioner Dean Kapenga. Wester stated his concerns for health and safety of those landowners, but did not think the county would fix the road. Sheridan stated that the right of way has not been abandoned by the county, but there should be a possible ten year schedule for repairs. Board agreed that a public hearing should be held and a letter drafted to notify impacted landowners of the concerns as well as public notice in the paper.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich reported that the planning commission was discussing an SAU for oil and gas wells, and the commission discussed setbacks on Lakeshore Drive.
- B. Road Committee. Phillips reported that estimated repairs for 60<sup>th</sup> St. South and 63<sup>rd</sup> St. was \$67,500.00 with costs being shared with Manlius Township for 60<sup>th</sup> St. Fall roadside mowing had begun and looked good.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that customer community surveys were mailed out. October 1<sup>st</sup> started the new fiscal year and all employees were given a 2% increase.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that the open house was a success. Total calls were up 8%, and motor vehicle incidents were up 34%. No fire deaths in 2015. There were 14 fire boat incidents in 2016. Cost recovery was at \$16,400.00. MDOT has called the fire department for traffic control several times. Training center would cost \$15,000.00 for Township Fire Department. Security system was replaced.
- E. Harbor Commission Report. No report.
- F. Open Board Report. Sheridan stated that Douglas had a resolution to form the Police discussion committee. Township would take up the resolution at the next meeting.

**Public Comment:** No comments. Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk