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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday November 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, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Chris Mantels asked the Township to join the Police Service Committee to help emergency services.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich added Michigan State Police Lease to new business.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. 1st Impressions Printing through Kushion. Total to be paid \$65,171.98.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. October 5, 2016 Meeting.

McIlwaine asked about a Tax Charge Back to the County. McIlwaine asked about wording and withdrew any change. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes, second by Phillips. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence:

- A. None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Internet Safe Zone. Sheridan stated that the Saugatuck Douglas Police would not advertise for an Internet Safe Zone. The SD Police would not be able to provide 24 hour protection or surveillance. The best option would be to contact the Police and transacting business during Police hours. Wester made the motion to table the discussion of Internet Safe Zone until the Police Committee discussion, Phillips seconded. No discussion. Motion to table passes 5-0.

- B. Broadband Update. Sheridan stated that Justin Clark from Frontier responded to the Township request for upgrading DSL. Frontier had provided a map with possible upgrade coverage. CAF2 Funding from the Federal Government might be available within the next year. No action taken.

New Business:

- A. Representative, Mary Whiteford. Representative Whiteford gave an update on legislature. Broadband was one of Rep. Whiteford's priorities. Infrastructure fund was being set up and Broadband might be the recipient of some funds, Kalamazoo River cleanup and protection was also a priority. Trowbridge dam was next to be cleaned of PCP's and repaired. Local government portion of revenue sharing was Whiteford's third priority. Whiteford was also concerned about Allegan County air quality. Whiteford stated she was open to listening to governmental and citizen concerns.
- B. Police Committee Discussion. Wester suggested the new Board make a decision and asked for input. McIlwaine was concerned about the makeup of the committee and the Resolution to join the committee. McIlwaine agreed that the new board should decide who would be on the Committee. Wester invited Fire Chief Janik to comment. Wester asked if a pay as you go program might work. Janik considered that would be a rent-a-cop. Janik stated his concern was for Fire scene safety, but also Township residents may need more police coverage. Janik stated that he hoped the three communities could come together. Rudich stated that he didn't want a resolution. Rudich suggested the new Board make a decision on who would be on the Committee and who the Township would ask for input to the committee. McIlwaine agreed that the Township needed more information. Janik stated his respect for the Township Board decision to wait. Wester made the motion to table until the new Board could appoint to the Committee at a Special Meeting on November the 21st, Rudich seconded. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. Hardship Guideline Resolution. Township Assessor Sherry Mason provided 2017 Poverty Hardship Exemption Guidelines. Rudich made the motion to adopt the Resolution to support the 2017 Guidelines. Second by Wester. No discussion. Resolution passes 5-0.
- D. Joint Special Meeting with Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals. Board discussed further items to be discussed at November 21st Meeting at 6:00pm.
- E. State Police Lease. Sheridan stated that the State wanted the Board to renew the Lease on the space in the Township Building. Sheridan stated that the State Police presence was a service in the community. Babinski made the motion to renew the State Police Lease, Wester supported. McIlwaine asked if the State Police were asked to pay rent. Sheridan stated that there was a benefit of having the State Police here. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich reported there was no meeting.
- B. Road Committee. Phillips reported that mowing was being completed with guardrail trimming for winter.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the Interurban board stayed the same for the new fiscal year. Year-end bonuses were approved.
- D. Fire Board. No report.
- E. Harbor Commission Report. Jon Helmrich reported on a possible grant for kayaking and canoe signs. Helmrich asked for Township support for the Grant. Helmrich thanked Wester for his work.
- F. Open Board Report. Jon Phillips thanked the board and Wester for his work. McIlwaine stated that he spoke with Zoning Administrator Kushion about rentals and McIlwaine reported that problems have decreased since the inception. Rudich stated that the audit came back positive, and reminded the public about the election. Rudich thanked Wester for his service. McIlwaine asked to consider joining the MTA.

Public Comment: Rudich commented that he supported the recycling program as a homeowner. Mary Whiteford commented on the updated Medical Marijuana laws. Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk