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## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Monday November 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m.  
Saugatuck Township Hall  
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

### APPROVED MINUTES

Clerk Brad Rudich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the swearing in of new board members. Supervisor Phillips called for the pledge of allegiance.

**Township Board Members Present:** Jon Phillips, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.  
**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Manager Aaron Sheridan, Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion.

**Planning Commission Board Members Present:** Kat Cook, Joe Milauckas, Bill Rowe, Maggie Conklin, Andy Prietz, Ed Welk.

**Zoning Board of Appeals Members Present:** John Tuckerman.

**Public Comment:** No comment.

**Approval of Agenda:** Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich added correspondence be added from Diane Bily. County recycling was moved up to item A, and Lakeshore washout was moved to item C. Joe Milauckas asked procedure question about all boards meeting. Rudich responded that this was a special Board Meeting of the Township Board and other boards were subservient. Agenda approved.

### Correspondence:

A. Diane Bily asked that the Township keep the recycling program in place.

### New Business:

A. County Recycling Program. Rudich made the motion that Confidential Attorney correspondence be made public, McIlwaine supported. Motion passes 5-0. Sheridan asked Ben Williams, Allegan County Recycling Coordinator to speak. Williams stated there were other services available, besides curbside recycling. Williams stated that a mailing would have to be made if the Board wanted to phase out recycling, in order to recover the carts. McIlwaine asked if Township residents were aware of the depot. Kerry Rattinger from Republic Services stated that Republic would agree to a December 31<sup>st</sup> contract end date. Rattinger stated that carts would be collected on the last pick up, but would like to work on contacting people with carts. Discussion on mailings for residents on recycling options. Rattinger said it wouldn't be feasible to continue in less dense area. Williams stated that there was an option to continue with the \$25 optional recycling charge. Conklin asked if the \$25 option could continue. The Board was concerned that the costs would not cover the charges from the County. McIlwaine asked for

a survey. McIlwaine made the motion to terminate the Allied Waste contract as of December 31, 2016, and not collect the \$25 surcharge for 2017, Rudich supported. Motion passes 5-0. Continued discussion on exploring options for recycling. Last recycle pick up would be December 21<sup>st</sup>. Williams thanked the Board, as did Rattinger. Sheridan would put a letter together with recycling options.

- B. Police Committee Discussion.** Discussion on police service and Fire Department service. Saugatuck and Douglas are asking for board members to discuss options. Rudich suggested having two Board members plus two residents and Manager Sheridan to join. McIlwaine stated he was against an resolution to join the committee. Rudich stated he could serve with McIlwaine and Sheridan. The other at large positions would be advertised and appointed in January. Phillips asked Chief Janik for input. Janik stated that there were changes in police and fire service that the public was not aware of. Janik asked the Board to remain objective. Phillips asked Saugatuck Manager Harrier for input. Harrier asked the Township to join the discussion at the next meeting. Rudich made the motion to appoint himself, McIlwaine and Sheridan to the police committee, Lane seconded. 5-0.
- C. Lakeshore Drive Washout.** Discussion on previous plans and possible repairs. Sub-area plan and the Tri-community plan are ambiguous as to repairs. Sheridan stated that the Planning Commission should be involved in this discussion. Chief Janik stated extra response time south of the washout is a public safety concern. Rudich stated another ingress was a possibility. Janik stated alternate emergency access was explored previously. McIlwaine stated that this is a primary County road and urged the County to do something. Milauckas stated there were several options that there were possible. Allegan County had previously surveyed the properties. Milauckas stated that the County only had to provide a public access to the properties. Bill Rowe stated that the health, safety and welfare of residents was governments charge, and right now the Lakeshore Drive residents don't have that. Discussion on public hearing and drafting a notice to property owners and the Road Commission. Motion to hold a public hearing in January made by McIlwaine, support from Rudich. Further discussion on date. Motion passes 5-0.
- D. ZBA Member Notice.** Rudich stated that the ZBA needed two new members to conduct business. Rudich gave notice to the Board that he would place a notice for the appointments.
- E. Planning Commission Update.** ZA Kushion gave an update. Oil and Gas Ordinance was being worked on and updates to the table of uses. R-3 front yard set-backs have been discussed. Discussion on public hearing for Ordinance and R-3 set-backs. Discussion on proposed used car sales. Industrial zoning off of 63<sup>rd</sup> st and Old Allegan has been discussed. Planning Commission is waiting to hear formal request for change from property owners.
- F. Open Discussion Between Boards.** Bill Rowe stated the joint meeting was a good idea. Phillips asked Dana Burd of the Township Parks Commission to speak. Parks Commission would update Township Board at it's December meeting on projects. Phillips stated he would like to see exit 36 area cleaned up. Flemming property was being restored. Southgate water and sewer was ready to be utilized. Discussion on hazardous homes in the Township. Rudich commended the work of ZA Kushion and the Planning Commission. Milauckas asked about future training and newsletters.

**Public Comment:** Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk