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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday February 1, 2017, 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 pledge of allegiance.

Motion to have Rudich lead the meeting made by Lane, support from McIlwaine. Motion passes 4-0.

Members Present: Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: Jon Phillips.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Dennis Mckee from Consumers Power introduced himself and discussed the 30 year franchise agreement right-of-way. Brian Bosgraff of Cottage Home distributed a preliminary site plan for the former McClendon property and discussed possible utilities. Duane Brown of Chase Farm Road spoke about Fire Department request for him to build a pond. Charles Carlson of Chase Farm Road spoke about excessive Fire Department demands. Fire Chief Greg Janik stated that a water supply was required for Chase Farm. Fire Inspector Captain Chris Mantels stated that the Fire Department wanted to insure the safety and welfare of residents based on the IFC, on a consistent manner.

Approval of Agenda: Rudich asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich added two invoices totaling \$974.15 to be paid, for a total of \$13,631.99. Rudich added correspondence from Doug DenBleyker and Matt Brazys. Lane made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, support from McIlwaine. Agenda approved 4-0.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. Alcogare LLC through Top Notch Tree Service. Total to be paid \$13,631.99.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Quarterly Financial Statements, Including Return on Investments.
- E. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. January 4, 2017 Meeting.

Sheridan asked the Board to consider adding "local resident" to correspondence, in the minutes. Lane made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes as amended, second by Rudich. No discussion. Motion passes 4-0.

Correspondence:

- A. Patricia Denner wrote in support of a single trash hauler.
- B. Doug DenBleyker wrote to support the Fire Department.
- C. Matt and Mary Brazys wrote to support Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None.

New Business:

- A. Lake Michigan Water Trail Letter of Support. Sheridan stated the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission would like to add Sundown Park to the Lake Michigan Water Trail Network. Rudich made the motion to Support the Lake Michigan Water Trail, Lane supported. Motion passes 4-0.
- B. Blue Star Trail MDOT Tap Grant Letter of Support. Sheridan explained that the Blue Star Trail Grant application was for the southern portion of the Blue Star Trail that extends over the Interstate overpass. McIlwaine made the motion to support the 2017 MDOT Tap Grant, Babinski supported. Motion passes 4-0.
- C. Community Recreation Advisory Board Member. Sheridan stated that the Advisory Board was not a legal body, but the Recreation did use Advisory Board several times a year. Sheridan spoke with both applicants and stated they were excited and well qualified. Sheridan asked each applicant to speak. Birdie Wester spoke on her behalf and qualifications. Erica Baarman spoke on her behalf and qualifications. Rudich stated that both were very well qualified. McIlwaine made the motion to appoint Erica Baarman and recommend appointment at large for Birdie Wester, Babinski supported. No Discussion. Motion passes 3-1. Sheridan will notify Scott Kierzek.
- D. DNR Passport Grant Application PR17-0004 and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application TF17-0018. Jim Searing updated the Board on parks projects at River Bluff Park and possible ADA requirements on trails. Dana Burd explained the trail could be altered to meet the requirements for the Grant applications. Trail is currently a half mile long and could be lengthened. Rudich made the motion to accept the proposal to assist in the Grant applications from Prien & Newhof Engineers not to exceed \$3,300, McIlwaine supported. Motion passes 4-0.
- E. Oil and Gas Ordinances. Rudich stated that the State of Michigan controls all Gas and Oil drilling well permits. The Township would regulate all the ancillary aspects of Oil and Gas wells, like storage and out-buildings. The Ordinances were put together to protect Township water and wells. Township Attorney Nick Curcio also spoke on the Ordinances. The first Ordinance was non-substantive corrections and changes to the Table of Uses. McIlwaine thanked the people who worked on the Ordinances. Rudich made the motion to approve the 2017-01 Ordinance to correct the table of uses, McIlwaine supported. Roll call vote; Lane, Rudich, McIlwaine, Babinski all vote yes. Ordinance passes 4-0. McIlwaine made the motion to pass 2017-02 Ordinance regulate Oil and Gas well facilities, Rudich supported. Roll call vote; Babinski, McIlwaine, Rudich, Lane, all vote yes. Ordinance passes 4-0. McIlwaine asked for letters to be sent to those who helped work on the Ordinances.
- F. Fire Code Administration and Cost Recovery for Fire Services. Rudich made the motion to go into closed session to discuss correspondence with Attorney, support from Lane. No discussion. Motion passes 4-0. After closed session, Rudich made the motion to come out of closed session, McIlwaine seconded. Motion passes 4-0. Rudich stated that no action will be taken at this time.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission approved a radio tower for KLSWA, and discussed and passed the Oil and Gas Ordinances.
- B. Road Committee. Lane reported that he and Sheridan went to the Allegan County Road Commission meeting that discussed the 2017 County Road projects. Discussion on Road Projects.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the Interurban was going to run on Sundays starting March 5th.

- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that Grants applications were going well. Finding staff was a concern. CPR classes were proposed for Township residents.
- E. Harbor Authority Report. No Report.
- F. Open Board Report. Discussion on website revision proposal. Rudich made the motion to approve the website revision, Babinski supported. Motion passes 4-0.

Public Comment: Duane Brown spoke again on excessive demands from STFD. Chief Janik apologized for communication problems. Charles Carlson spoke again on excessive demands from STFD. Captain Mantels spoke to clarify discussions with Mr. Brown. Rudich declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk