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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday April 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the pledge of allegiance.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan, Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion, Township Attorney Nick Curcio.

Public Comment: Larry Dickie asked about collecting garbage fees. Todd Christensen read a letter from the Saugatuck Township Fire Board. Mark Erlandson spoke about driveway permit concerns. Chief Greg Janik spoke about the IFC and apologized to Erlandson. Jeff Dornbush stated concerns of IFC changes. Jessica Brunsting stated concerns for Firefighter safety. Chris Mantels handed out correspondence, and asked the board to postpone any changes to the IFC. Doug Denblyker read a statement concerning changes by the Township Board to the IFC. Linus Starring asked the Township Board to work with the Fire District. Starring hoped the Township Manager apologize to Chief Janik. Brent VanOss asked the Township Board to table changes and work with the Fire Department. Mike Betts read a letter from Bill Lefley praising the Fire District, and Betts was opposed to changing the IFC. Dick Waskin asked for sensible enforcement. Patrick Stewart asked for the Township to enforce regulations. Sandra Randolph stated her support of the Fire District.

Approval of Agenda: Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich asked to add Top Notch Tree invoice for \$3,250.00 for a total of \$25,442.19 to be paid. Rudich asked to add C1 – Ratify and Confirm Previous Land Divisions. Rudich asked to move Unfinished Business to after New Business. Agenda approved 5-0.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. Big Domain host LLC through Top Notch Tree Service. Total to be paid \$25,442.19.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. March 1, 2017 Meeting.

Phillips asked Sheridan about Cemetery concrete bill. McIlwaine asked to clarify public hearing was for Lakeshore Drive. Sheridan stated the host would be the same. Rudich made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes, second by Phillips. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence: Dale & Kathy Plapp, 3034 Harbor Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Tina Oonk, 6584 Bradley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Mike Oonk, 6587 Bradley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Barb Figeley, 6583 Bradley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Brad Fiala, 6577 Bradley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Pat Salmon, 6570 Bradley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Joe Nania, 3218 Sagewood Tr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Mike Coon, 3216 Sagewood Tr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Leontine Kalivoda, 2756 66th St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Tom & Gail Henneberry, 3012 Newport Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Kaye Clements, Lake Michigan Shores Homeowners Association, Opposes a single trash hauler. John Eisinger, 6935 Blue Water Ln, Opposes a single trash hauler. Renee Zita, 3023 Harbor Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Dee Dee Hanson, 6288 Riverside Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Todd Needham, 6897 Shore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Joe & Cathy Fucile, 6534 Old Allegan Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Kathy Roderick & Sam Landers, 6914 Bendemeer Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Mike Deem, Timber Bluff Lakefront Lodging, Opposes a single trash hauler. Frank Davis, 2847 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Norma Greene, 6597 Wiley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Julie Greene, 6597 Wiley Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. David Gaitson, 2951 66th St, Concerned resident on a single trash hauler. Terri Shanahan, 305 N Maple St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Steve & Nancy McKown, 2845 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Harold Vanden Bosch, 6945 Old Owl Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. David Rathbun, 305 N Maple St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Marty & Amy McKellips, 2456 63rd St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Julie Kirshbaum, 6325 Forest Trail, Opposes a single trash hauler. Michael Bojko, 2690 Deep Forest Trail, Opposes a single trash hauler. Brian Teunis, 2687 Deep Forest Trail, Opposes a single trash hauler. Kevin Klynstra, Mayor of Zeeland, Supporting small business owner, J's. Kenneth Malik, 6332 Old Allegan Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Robert Carey, 6841 Sherwood Trail, Opposes a single trash hauler. Bob Lampen, 6319 Riverside Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. John Taylor, 2983 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Tom Konvolinka, 6530 Leo's Lane, Opposes a single trash hauler. Patricia Denner, 3455 Clearbrook Ct, In favor of a single trash hauler. Carol Ray, 3201 Silver Acres Dr, In favor of a single trash hauler. Keith & Stacey Aldrich, 3437 64th St, In favor of a single trash hauler. Andy & Cathy Prietz, 6177 Bayou Trail, In favor of a single trash hauler. Richard Donovan, 2641 Lakeshore Dr, In favor of a single trash hauler. John Helmrich, 3522 64th St, In favor of a single trash hauler. Tom & Sondra Clark, 6606 Cemetery Rd, In favor of a single trash hauler. Steve Townsend, 3488 64th St, In favor of a single trash hauler. Larry Dickie, 6108 Old Allegan Rd, In favor of a single trash hauler. John & Cynthia Raven, 2904 Peach Creek Ln, In favor of a single trash hauler. Susan Zerkle, 3460 66th St, In favor of a single trash hauler. Roy McIlwaine, 3466 Riverside Dr, In favor of a single trash hauler. Sandra Randolph, 3442 Riverside Dr, In favor of a single trash hauler. Kathy Roper, 2932 Peach Creek Ct, In favor of a single trash hauler. Jane Dickie, 6108 Old Allegan Rd, In favor of a single trash hauler. Patrick Stewart, 3212 Fox Ridge Ct, In favor of a single trash hauler. Kathy Strum, 2579 63rd St, In favor of a single trash hauler. Mary Townsend, 3488 64th St, In favor of a single trash hauler. Tom Nowak, 3213 Silver Acres Dr, In favor of a single trash hauler. Joan Skinner, 2513 63rd St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Liz & Dave Engel, 3041 Indian Point Rd, In favor of a single trash hauler. Nancy Van Den Berg, 3220 Silver Acres Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Ann & Jerry Longerot, 2582 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Erika Rose, 6852 126th Ave, Opposes a single trash hauler. Bill & Bob Lefley, 6936-6940 Windwood Lane, Opposes a single trash hauler. Toni & Tim McCormick and Tara Hogan, 99 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Ray & Joyce Horath, 2554 Lakeshore Dr, Supports single trash hauler if it saves them money. Chris Maitner, 2779 Blue Star Hwy, Opposes a single trash hauler. Chris Mantels, 2454 Blue Star Hwy, Opposes a single trash hauler. Tim Leach & Family, 2897 64th St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Lynne O'Brien, 6439 Daniel Dr, 6439 Daniel Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Jim Wentzell, 2659 Chestnut Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Sarah Heavener, 2949 66th St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Mary Kay Baker, 2959 Lakeshore Dr, In favor of a single trash hauler. Carol Sarosik, 2909 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Geraldine Kupres, 2739 64th St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Sam Wanner, 2911 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Dave & Theresa Butler, 3489 64th St,

Opposes a single trash hauler. Anita Nielsen, 6423 Old Allegan Rd, Opposes a single trash hauler. Helen & Robert Foster & Mary Ann Curtis, Ganges twp resident, Opposes a single trash hauler. Kirk & Cindy Raue, 2834 65th St, Opposes a single trash hauler. Kevin Klynstra, Zeeland resident, Small businesses like J's are crucial to the area economy. Ed Welk, 2557 Lakeshore Dr, Opposes a single trash hauler. Diane Squire, 6552 129th Ave, Opposes a single trash hauler. Wayne & Sherry Brower, 6945 Old Owl Dr, Prefers to stay with J's disposal because of the smaller truck. Fire Board of the Saugatuck Township Fire District, Letter was submitted that the board made a motion and was passed by the board unanimously to ask the Fire Board's Attorney to draft a letter stating the boards stand on the action of Saugatuck Township to change the International Fire Code. Daniel Poll, Michigan Township Services, Supports the IFC code as is. Ronald Farr(Retired State of Michigan Fire Marshall), Supports the IFC code as is. Bill Lefley, Supports the Saugatuck Township Fire Department regarding the fire code. Chris Mantels, Fire Inspector/Captain, Supports the IFC code as is. Doug DenBleyker, Fire Inspector/Fire Marshal, Supports the IFC code as is. Kirk Harrier, Saugatuck City Manager, urges the board to engage with the other 2 cities. Michael Sharnas, Eagle Ridge Dr developer, Strongly encourages the township to adopt the amended IFC changes.

New Business:

- A. State of the Court, Judge Baillargeon. Judge Baillargeon reported to the Board on Court programs including drug treatment, sobriety Court and Veteran's programs.
- B. Public Hearing – Single Trash Hauler (SWH). Phillips opened the public hearing. Rudich asked to explain the reason for the Public Hearing. McIlwaine stated that the Township was considering a single waste hauler that would service private drives, provide recycling, reduce pollution and road damage and save taxpayers on trash service. Kristin Slimmer added that she didn't know the previous recycling charge could be taken off her tax bill. Phillips opened the Hearing to public input. Sandra Randolph spoke in favor of a SWH. Judith Schneider spoke out against a SHW. Patrick Dargis spoke against a SWH. Kaye Clements asked to consider small driveways. Larry Dickie spoke in favor of a SWH and asked who sent an anonymous green post card. Phil Sabatini asked to keep his choice in hauler. Holly Verde spoke against her choice being taken away. Fred Hamlin spoke against a monopoly. John Philippus asked to keep his choice. Kristin Slimmer asked if she would be obligated to pay. McIlwaine responded that she would not be forced to pay. Sabatino Palmucci spoke in favor of keeping his choice in haulers. Mike Herbert spoke in favor of keeping his current provider. Paul Hicks spoke in favor of keeping his choice. Pat Denner asked to work together on solution. Wayne Kidder was in favor of a SWH for Lakeshore Drive, and suggested several SWH zones. Charlene Felker was in favor of choice and suggested small roads . Roy Hebert was not in favor of a SWH. Ray Barnowski was in favor of choice of SWH. Rich Beebe spoke about yard waste, and was in favor of choice. Ron Gorsica spoke about value of service, and asked to keep his choice. Laurie Goshorn spoke in favor of Township recycling, but not with plastic bags. Rex Felker asked why this was brought up, and was opposed to SWH. Ray Arnett spoke against a SWH. Gary Mohr spoke against a SWH. Kathy Beery Mohr was against a SWH. Dave Butler was opposed to a SWH. Mark Thorkildsen spoke against a SWH. Chris Mantels spoke about keeping choice. Jason Vandewege of J's disposal spoke a SWH. Patrick Stewart asked for more information from the public and Township. Rex Felker spoke about the characteristics of the Township. A gentleman asked for a ballot proposal. Kim Buckley from Chef Container spoke about their business and services. McIlwaine asked about price increases in a contract. Buckley spoke about contracts with built in increases. Open discussion on pricing and truck size ensued. Kerry Rattinger from Republic Services spoke on pricing and services. McIlwaine made the motion to get pricing on a Township wide mailing. Discussion ensued and McIlwaine restated the motion. Second by Lane. Discussion, Rudich and Babinski asked to drop the single waste hauler item completely. McIlwaine asked for freedom of choice for people who want a single waste hauler. Motion passes 3-2.
- C. Land Division Ordinance. Sheridan asked Attorney Curcio to discuss the Ordinance. Curcio explained that historically the procedures that were followed, in the past the divisions were not submitted to the

Planning Commission for review. Statewide this is not a common practice to submit to a Planning Commission, and under the Land Division Act you have 45 days to act and this might not be enough time. The process is clear and simple for the Zoning Administrator to do, and is typically automatic if the standards are met. There are two Ordinance drafts, one with the Zoning Administrator sign off, and one with Zoning Administrator submitting to the Supervisor for sign off. Discussion on checks and balances for signing off on divisions. Rudich moved the Ordinance draft number 3.27.17 to amend sections 20-30 and 20-33 of the Township of Saugatuck code to provide for the efficient processing of land division applications, with second by Babinski. Roll call vote: Lane, yes; Babinski, yes; McIlwaine, no; Phillips, no; Rudich, yes. Motion passes 3-2.

C-1. Ratify and Confirm all Previous Land Divisions. Rudich made the motion to ratify and confirm all land divisions applications previously approved by the Zoning by the Supervisor, and to find that such approvals were approved pursuant to a delegation of authority from the Township Supervisor. Support from Babinski. Roll call vote: Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Babinski, yes; Lane, yes; Rudich, yes. Motion passes 5-0.

- D. Rezone Parcels - 135th St. Phillips made the motion to amend the zoning map provided by section 40-586 of the Township of Saugatuck zoning Ordinance to rezone the property at 6523, 6527, and 6523 135th Ave. from the R-1 Residential zoning district to the C-1 General Commercial zoning District. Support from McIlwaine. Roll call vote: Babinski, yes; Lane, yes; Rudich, yes; Phillips, yes; McIlwaine, yes. Motion passes 5-0.
- E. Saugatuck Schools Tax Collection 2017. McIlwaine asked if this was the same as last year. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the memorandum of agreement for collection of 2017 summer taxes. Rudich supported. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- F. Resolution to Establish a Fire Suppression Connection Fee. Sheridan explained that if an additional tap on a water main was needed then a Connection Fee would be charged. The fee would be based on ½ a Residential Equivalency Unit per water service REU. Before fees can be charged they need to be added to the Township fee schedule. McIlwaine asked if Chief Janik had any input. Janik stated that a separate tap it is not very common, but helps if a main line is turned off. Rudich made the motion to establish a fire suppression connection fee rate per residential equivalency unit for new connections to the Township public water system. Phillips supported. Roll call vote: McIlwaine, yes; Babinski, yes; Lane, yes; Rudich, yes; Phillips, yes.
- G. Allegan County Road Commission Project Bids. Sheridan explained this was a standard requirement to approve the low bid for current year road projects. Rudich made the motion to approve the low bid from Michigan Paving & Materials and Allegan County Road Commission services of \$256,410.50, for the 2017 Township road projects. Support from Lane. Motion passes 5-0.
- H. Non-Motorized Trail Repair Bids. Sheridan explained that the Parks Commission got several competitive bids to fix a couple parts on the trail. Phillips made the amended motion to approve the proposal from Stripe A Lot to fix the non-motorized trail, not to exceed \$12,000. McIlwaine supported. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- I. Letter of Support Douglas Point Pleasant Marina. Sheridan stated that City of Douglas asked for a letter of support for a MNRTF grant application for the purchase of Point Pleasant Marina. McIlwaine made the motion to support the City of Douglas MNRTF grant application for the purchase of Point Pleasant Marina, Phillips supported. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Fire Code Administration and Cost-Recovery Ordinance Amendments. Phillips made the motion to table the discussion, seconded by McIlwaine. Discussion on continued changes. Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion spoke on Fire District communications. Kushion stated several changes had to go to the Planning Commission. Discussion on continued talks with Fire District. Motion to table passes 3-2.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission continued and finished public hearings for North Shore Development and approved the rezoning request.
- B. Road Commission. Lane mentioned the 2017 road projects that were just approved. Sheridan mentioned May 2nd Election for road millage renewal and Fennville Schools Operating.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported the Interurban would be asking for a millage increase to .5 mils. Interurban has a new bus, and had office repairs completed.
- D. Fire Board. No report.
- E. Harbor Report. No report. Discussion on taking item off agenda.
- F. Open Board Report. Babinski reported that her tax roll balanced with the County.

Public Comment: Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk