

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 19, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on March 19, 2003 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Trustee Roerig, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Shanahan, Wright, Knikelbine, and Roerig.

Also Present: Township Manager Phil Quade.

Absent: Gudith.

AUDIENCE

None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Quade asked to add under *New Business, Item D. Award Bid for Triangle Water Project.* and *Item E. Title Search on Interurban Real Estate.* Roerig asked to add under *Unfinished Business, Item B. Website Availability.*

MINUTES

Motion by Knikelbine/Wright to accept the minutes of 3/5/03 as presented. Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to accept general fund, and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$60,091.44. Knikelbine noted that \$39,430.11 of the bills were paid to Allegan County for tax collection of resource recovery funds for the year. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Roerig read a letter from Donna Peel, 6264 Old Allegan Rd, thanking the township for managing the state financed water line construction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Engineering Agreements. Quade explained the need to approve two contracts for Prein & Newhof to perform engineering for the construction of the water line to Old Allegan Rd and to acquire easements necessary for the construction. **Motion by Wright/Roerig to approve the construction engineering contract for Prein & Newhof for \$150,000 as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to approve the easement acquisition contract for Prein & Newhof for \$20,000 as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Website Availability. Roerig announced the availability of the new township website www.saugatucktownship.org stating it will be a valuable asset to the community. Roerig added the township will need to purchase a web page editing program to maintain the website. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to approve the expense of \$99 to purchase web page editing software.** Motion carried unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Linda Roerig, park proposal for Nextel property. Linda Roerig and Jerry Bagierek, representatives from the Township Parks Commission, along with Citizen Committee member Laurie Collins, asked the Board to dedicate the 40 acre parcel known as the Nextel/911 cell tower property for future park purposes and allow the Parks Commission and Community Recreation Committee to plan for its use. **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to dedicate the 40 acre parcel for parks purposes with the exception of the property area leased for the 911 tower and cell tower.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Oxbow Agreement between Township and City. Quade presented an agreement between the City and the Township to provide water and sewer service to the Oxbow Arts Campus. **Motion by Knikelbine/Shanahan to approve the agreement with the City of Saugatuck to provide water and sewer service to Oxbow as presented.** Roerig noted this is another example of inter-government cooperation. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Preliminary engineering for non-motorized trails. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to approve the preliminary engineering bid from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber in the amount of \$3,500 for a non-motorized trail to run on the west side of Blue Star Hwy from Burger King to the City limits on Holland Street.** Board discussion, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Award water line construction bid. **Motion by Shanahan/Wright to award the water line construction to Old Allegan Rd and the triangle area to the low bidder Skippers Construction for \$835,115.** Board discussed bonding of the firm. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Title search of Interurban property. Quade explained the Interurban property is in the Township's name due to the Township being the lead agency before the Interurban became an authority. Board discussion took place, and it was agreed the Interurban should be the title owner of the property. **Motion by Knikelbine/Roerig to pursue the issuance of a warranty deed, transferring the property to the Interurban Transit Authority.** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.

AUDIENCE

Allegan County Sheriff Deputy, Jim Moeller introduced himself and discussed team policing.

There being no further business, **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.**
Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, Clerk