

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
MAY 7, 2003**

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

Present: Gudith, Wright, Knikelbine, Roerig, and Shanahan.

Absent: None.

AUDIENCE

Sally Brooks, Allegan County Treasurer appointed to fill vacancy, introduced herself.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Gudith asked to delete *New Business, Item A. Ordinance to adopt the Code* and *C. Ground Water Testing Ordinance* requesting the items be added to the May 21st meeting agenda.

Gudith then asked to add under *Committee Reports, Item F. Air Boats*.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 4/16/03. **Motion by Gudith/Roerig to accept as presented.**

Carried unanimously.

BILLS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

Motion by Gudith/Wright to accept general fund, cemetery fund, sewer debt and water project bills in the amount of \$9,991.96. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gudith read a letter from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks regarding Jane Wright, Township Clerk. The IIMC awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk to Wright for completing education requirements and having a record of significant contributions to local government. Board congratulated Wright on her achievement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Application for rezoning of Christian Reformed Church. Shanahan reminded Board of the circumstances leading to the request. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to enact the rezoning of the east 350' of parcel #0320-010-045-00 from C-2 to R-1.** Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution to comply with the METRO Act. Gudith read a memo from the township attorney recommending to "opt-in" to receive payments under the METRO Act. **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adopt the resolution as presented.** Roll call vote: Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes, Wright-yes, Shanahan-yes, Gudith-yes. Gudith declared the resolution adopted.
- B. Proposed Fire Budget. Marty Raebel, township representative on the fire board, introduced fellow fire board member, Bill Kaye who presented the fire budget. Board asked questions and discussed the proposed millage increase to fund the budget. Shanahan stated he could not vote for a millage increase and suggested alternatives. Additional discussion ensued. **Motion by Wright to approve the 2003/2004 fire**

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- budget as presented, with the understanding the millage would decrease next year based on income from fixed asset sales.** Motion died for lack of a second. Board asked Raebel and Kaye to amend and present a revised budget at the next meeting.
- C. Proposed Sewer Agreement between City/Twp/Laketown. Gudith suggested tabling the agenda item until two other agreements between the Township and Laketown can be worked out. Board discussed. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to table Agreement.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Sewer Construction Overrun Costs. Wright explained the overrun costs for construction and three phase electric to the lift station, adding the costs could be paid from the sewer debt fund. **Motion Roerig/Gudith to approve the additional expense of \$9,745.39 over the original bond revenue to be paid from the sewer debt fund.** Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig distributed a 2003 project report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported an increase of 15% in ridership and updated Board on other regular business decisions.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Web Site Update. Roerig updated Board on the links to other local websites, and distributed preliminary copies of the next newsletter.
- F. Air Boats. Gudith reported on the meeting with Senator Birkholz. The Senator requested to hold off on any local noise ordinance to cover air boats, due to the potential of a state wide policy.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **Motion by Knikelbine/Gudith to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**
Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, Clerk