

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on July 16, 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, Roerig, Knikelbine, and Shana han.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Quade.

AUDIENCE

- A. Martha Myers, 6542 134th Ave. voiced concern over enforcing local zoning ordinances in regard to commercial vehicles parking in residential neighborhoods. Board asked Quade to review and respond.
- B. Tim Glinski, 284 Riverview Dr. spoke in support of the inter-local revenue sharing agreement with the Village of Douglas.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 7/2/03. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Roerig/Wright to accept general fund bills in the amount of \$16,801.04. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

Gudith read a letter from resident Gloria Simonson echoing the concerns voiced by Martha Myers, adding a request for speed limit signs on 134th Ave. Roerig requested a study be performed for posting speed limits.

MANAGERS REPORT

- A. Inter-Local Revenue Sharing Agreement. Quade presented the agreement which would allow for a return of road millage revenues from Village residents, back to Village funds. Discussion on the agreement took place and the Board requested to remove the last sentence in paragraph 3 which included payment of general fund revenues. **Motion by Knikelbine/Roerig to join in the road millage agreement between the Village and the Township as amended.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Ground Lease Agreement for 911 Tower. Board reviewed the final lease agreement between the Township and the County Building Authority that would enable the construction of a new tower for 911 purposes on Township property off of 134th Ave. **A Resolution was offered by Wright and supported by Knikelbine to enter into the ground lease agreement with the Allegan County Building Authority as presented.** Roll call vote: Roerig-yes, Gudith-yes, Wright-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Shanahan-yes. Resolution declared adopted.
- C. Fire Hydrant Hose Connections. Quade requested direction from the Board as to if

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the Township should, at their expense, replace 4" hydrant connections with 4 1/2" connections as requested by the Fire Department. Discussion took place as to whose financial responsibility it is for infrastructure improvements. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to approve \$6,300 from the water project fund to refit all 4" hydrants in the Township with 4 1/2" connections.** Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Engineering for Trails/Bike Paths. Board discussed holding joint meetings with representatives from the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the City and Village Councils to keep the m updated of the ambition to construct a bike path through the community.
- E. P.D.R. Ordinance. Knikelbine suggested postponing the adoption of a resolution supporting a county wide development right purchase program until further study can be completed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reminded everyone of the upcoming millage renewal election on August 5th.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the department has not sold the fire boat yet, new recruits for membership have been accepted, and a fire school will be held in the Fall.
- E. Web Site Update. No report.

AUDIENCE

Gerrit Sturris asked if the Township is going after taxpayers who have falsely filed for homestead status, Knikelbine reported the Assessor is revoking homesteads when they are discovered as being illegitimate. Sturris asked about the legitimacy of S/D Chamber of Commerce soliciting funds. General discussion took place.

Tim Glinski commended the adopting of the inter-local revenue sharing agreement, and suggested expense sharing for water and sewer infrastructure improvements. Roerig and Shanahan both agreed equal representation for the Township on KLSWA Board would be necessary before any expense sharing could be discussed.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.**
Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk