

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING  
AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2003**

A public hearing on the proposed inter-local revenue sharing agreement and regular board meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on August 6, 2003 at the Township Hall. Supervisor Gudith declared the public hearing open, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INTER-LOCAL REVENUE SHARING**

Gudith asked for public comments. Village of Douglas President, Tim Glinski, reported the agreement passed during the last village meeting. Having no further comments, Gudith closed the public hearing at 7:02.

The regular board meeting was called to order.

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

Absent: None.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Gudith requested adding under *New Business, Item B. Posting of Township Manager Position*. Wright requested adding under *New Business, Item C. Report on Road Millage Election*. Shanahan asked to add under *Committee Reports, Item F. Denison Property Acquisition Advisory Committee*.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 7/16/03. **Motion by Gudith/Roerig to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS**

**Motion by Gudith/Wright to accept general fund, road fund, and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$175,893.74.** Roerig referred to the Allegan County Road Commission bill for \$162,593.00 asking if the 127<sup>th</sup> Ave project was still within budget. Wright presented the payment request detail and offered a copy for his review. Motion to approve bills carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Gudith read a letter from Senator Patricia Birkholz supporting the continued presence of the Michigan State Police within the Township.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Inter-Local Revenue Sharing Agreement with the Village of Douglas. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to approve the agreement as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Employees. Gudith stated he received the attorney opinion which maintains the issue should be addressed by ordinance. Board agreed to have the firm draw up an amendment to the original ordinance which the Board could review, discuss, and vote on.

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- C. Zoning Ordinance on Drinking Water Testing. Gudith presented the attorney opinion. Board discussed and requested the attorney further review and perfect the language.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Siegfried Crandall Audit Proposal. Wright stated the firm has performed the annual audit for a number of years and is familiar with our municipality, adding this year's quote is for an amount not to exceed \$4,900. Gudith asked if the amount is in line with last year's quote. Wright verified it is. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to approve Siegfried Crandall as the auditors for the 2002/2003 annual audit.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Posting of Township Manager Position. Gudith reported Manager Quade is planning on retiring in March of 2004. Board discussed the process of replacing him, agreeing it would take time and we should proceed with Quade's participation.
- C. Report on Road Millage Election. Wright reported on the passing of the millage renewal stating there was a low voter turnout, but adding it is typical for this type of election.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Commission. Shanahan reported on various projects the planning commission has been working on.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported on the approval of a .4880 millage for winter 2003.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the board has approved \$7,500 for repairs to the new fire boat engine. Board discussion ensued.
- E. Web Site Update. Roerig noted the Township Board, Planning Commission and Fire Board minutes are posted on the web page, as well as plumbing, mechanical, electrical and building permits. He added there is now a link to the township codes as well.
- F. Denison Property Acquisition Advisory Committee. Roerig updated Board on the structure of the committee.

**AUDIENCE**

Tim Glinski commented on election turn-out and the revenue contract.  
Kent Hagger spoke regarding the Gudith drain.

There being no further business, **Motion by Wright/Roerig to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.**  
Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC  
Township Clerk