

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on December 3, 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: Wright, Knikelbine, Shanahan, and Roerig.

Absent: Gudith.

AUDIENCE

Roerig asked if any students were present, Walter Schneider introduced himself. Douglas resident Tim Dykema expressed an interest in submitting a proposal for wireless internet service on the 911 tower. Roerig explained the status of the current agreed upon provider. Discussion ensued around the service Dykema offers.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Knikelbine asked to add under *Unfinished Business, Item A. Attorney Fees Update.*

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 11/5/03. **Motion by Knikelbine/Shanahan to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Wright asked to make additions to the bills in the amount of \$512.11. **Motion by Shanahan/Knikelbine to accept general fund, road fund, cemetery fund, and sewer debt bills in the amount of \$29,897.51.** Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Board discussed current attorney expenses to date for various court cases including the ongoing appeal of Wolters Realty vs. Saugatuck Township.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Christmas bonuses. Wright stated historically the board has approved \$100 each for 2 full time employees. **Motion by Shanahan/Knikelbine to approve the payment of \$100 each for the secretary and zoning administrator as a Christmas bonus.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Purchase of Adobe Acrobat. Roerig explained the computer software would enable the transferring of word documents into PDF format for web access and e-packets. **Motion by Shanahan/Knikelbine to approve up to \$299 for the purchase of Adobe Acrobat.** Carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. Shanahan updated Board on the progress of re-zoning a portion of Lakeshore Drive.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported the next committee meeting will be held on December 16th that will address the 2004 resurfacing program.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. Roerig reported updates to the web page, and the latest newsletter has been completed.

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Garret Sturru asked about Representative Fulton Sheen office hours. Wright stated she would verify and post in the township's bulletin board. Discussion took place regarding House Bill 5010 that Sheen is introducing. **Motion by Roerig/Shanahan to support a resolution that opposes HB5010.** Carried unanimously. Don Skipper asked what progress has been made on sewer engineering for Riverside Dr. Board stated Manager Quade would need to address the issue.

There being no further business, **Motion by Shanahan/Wright to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk