

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
JUNE 2, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on June 2, 2004 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: Henry Gudith, Jane Wright, Pat Knikelbine, and Chris Roerig.

Absent: Dan Shanahan.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

AUDIENCE

None.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to approve the May 5, 2004 minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Roerig/Wright to accept general fund and cemetery fund bills in the amount of \$14,756.87.

Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Group Insurance Policy Eligibility Requirements. **Motion by Knikelbine/Wright to adopt the policy regarding the definition of retiree health insurance benefits, as written by Manager.** Roerig asked if there is a conflict with an existing ordinance for retiree benefits, adding several concerns with the wording for retiree eligibility in regard to the 10 year vesting requirement and paying 100% of the single rate. Knikelbine disagreed, stating the policy offered is a good one. Gudith also questioned if there is a conflict with the existing ordinance. Board discussion ensued. Roerig called the question. Tie vote resulted with Knikelbine and Wright voting yes, Gudith and Roerig voting no. Motion denied.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Zoning Text and Map Amendment Ordinance. Board agreed they needed input from Shanahan who acts as liaison between the Board and the Planning Commission and tabled the ordinance change until the July meeting.
- B. 2004/2005 Fire District Budget. Gudith reported his and Wright's attendance at the informational meeting held by the Fire Board and noted there is no increase in millage. Representative Marty Raebel made a brief presentation stating they have allowed for operational expenses and a savings plan for air pack purchases. **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to approve 2004/2005 Fire District Budget as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Set Public Hearing for 2004/2005 Township Budget. Wright suggested June 16, 2004 at 7:00 pm for the public hearing and special meeting to receive public comment on the proposed 2004/2005 budget, amend the current 2003/2004 budget and adopt the 2004/2005 budget. Quade presented the proposed budget and asked for board member review prior to the public hearing date.

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- D. Repaving Old Allegan Rd, Blue Star to Saugatuck City Line. Quade stated the short distance would be billed through the City as a unit price. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to approve up to \$8,000 for the repaving of Old Allegan Road from Blue Star Highway to the City line.** Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Purchase of Digital Camera. Roerig stated the Township can purchase a digital camera for between \$130 and \$500 which could be used for road work, cemetery, zoning, etc. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to purchase a digital camera to be used for Township purposes only, at a price not to exceed \$500.** Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported the County held a public hearing for the 62nd/131st project. Road commission stated they would start construction in June with completion in July. Discussion took place regarding the speed limit for the area. Roerig noted the limits are set by the County. Knikelbine asked if he was holding a meeting for 126th Ave. Roerig stated he would if the residents would like it.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. Roerig reported the latest newsletter has been published and is available in the office, on the web site, and will be included in the summer tax bill mailing. Web site has water testing methods and community survey results published.

AUDIENCE

Garrett Sturris asked to address the health insurance issue, stating he feels the board should not deny the benefit. Board discussion ensued.

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

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk