

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2004**

A public hearing for the 2004/2005 budget and a special meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on Wednesday June 16, 2004 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gudith at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Hank Gudith, Jane Wright, Pat Knikelbine, Dan Shanahan, and Chris Roerig.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Township Manager Phil Quade.

Gudith stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comments on the proposed 2004/2005 budget and the purpose of the special meeting was to amend the current 2003/2004 budget, adopt the 2004/2005 budget, as well as addressing any other matters that come before the Board. He noted the proper posting of the meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:01.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2004/2005 BUDGET**

Quade presented the budget stating all of the funds are balanced with no transfers from fund balances. He expounded on the possibilities of developing park facilities on the remaining land by the 911 tower and dog park. Quade also discussed options for funding bike path construction in the township and the proposed locations of paths. Board discussed grant availability and construction compliance requirements. Gudith asked for public comments. Having none, Gudith closed the public hearing at 7:06.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Roerig asked to add under *Unfinished Business, Item A. Retiree Eligibility Requirements*.

Wright asked to add under *New Business, Item C. Sambroek Woods Phase II*. Gudith

asked to add under *Unfinished Business, Item B. Wolters Realty vs. Saugatuck Township*.

**BILLS**

Wright asked to add an additional bill for mileage reimbursement to Treasurer Knikelbine for \$110.21. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to approve paying General Fund bills in the amount of \$5,928.85.** Carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Retiree Eligibility Requirements. Roerig submitted a revised policy that outlined requirements that would need to be met before a retiree could receive health insurance benefits. Board discussion took place on each point of the proposed policy and some compromises were offered. Wright voiced concern if adoption of the policy would conflict with a policy previously adopted by a prior Board. **Motion by Roerig/ Shanahan to accept the eligibility requirements for retiree health insurance as revised.** Additional discussion took place. Roerig modified the motion to include a clause "pending legal review of possible conflict with current ~~policy~~ retiree". Roerig called the question and the motion passed 4 to 1 with Knikelbine voting no.
- B. Wolters Realty vs. Saugatuck Township. Gudith reported the date to hear the court of appeals case has been set for July 8, 2004 at 10:00 am in Grand Rapids.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2003/2004 Budget Amendments. Quade presented line item budget amendments transferring unexpended funds to over expended line items. Board discussion took place and questions were answered. **Resolution to amend the 2003/2004 budget as presented offered by Wright and supported by Knikelbine.** Members voted 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution declared adopted.
- B. Review, Revise, and Adopt 2004/2005 Budget. Roerig verified the Trustee salary reflects the reduced rate of \$35/meeting. Board discussion took place regarding per diem rates for the various boards and commissions. **Motion by Gudith/Shanahan to adopt the 2004/2005 budget as presented.** Carried unanimously. **Resolution to accept the annual and per diem remuneration for township board members as presented offered by Wright and supported by Knikelbine.** Members voted 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution declared adopted.
- C. Sambroek Woods Phase II. Wright explained the developer is asking for board approval of the phase II plat of the Sambroek Woods subdivision. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to approve the plat of Sambroek Woods Phase II subdivision.** Carried unanimously.

**AUDIENCE**

None

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

Jane Wright, Clerk