

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on November 3, 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, Pat Knikelbine, and Chris Roerig.

Absent: Jane Wright and Dan Shanahan.

AUDIENCE

- A. Roerig commended Wright and election inspectors for great organization during a record breaking election the previous day.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 10/6/04. **Motion by Knikelbine/Roerig to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS

Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to accept general fund, cemetery fund, and sewer debt bills in the amount of \$22,852.99. Carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. MTA Conference and New Officials Training Schedule. Gudith will give the schedule to newly elected Trustee Damien Jarzembowski for attendance.
- B. Municipal Code, New Rate for Web Link. Gudith presented an email quoting an increase in the annual rate charged to link the township ordinances maintained by municode.com to our web site. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to approve the new annual rate of \$350, an increase of \$100, charged by Municipal Code to maintain the ordinance link to our web page.** Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Regarding Airboat Noise. Gudith stated he would draft a letter asking the DNR to adopt suggested language for a local ordinance regulating the noise emitted from an air boat. Roerig clarified the Township would need to adopt the ordinance after DNR adoption. Board discussion took place.
- B. Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Employees. Gudith presented the legal opinion stating the Township can amend or repeal the current provisions thereby eliminating any conflict between the newly accepted eligibility requirements and current retiree. Roerig noted the vote to accept the health insurance eligibility requirement was taken during the June 16th meeting, pending legal review.
- C. Wolters Realty, Current Court Costs and Status Update. Gudith stated Wolters Realty has filed an appeal to the State Supreme Court. He added we are incurring additional expenses. Roerig stated the Planning Commission is in the process of rezoning a portion of the property owned by Wolters Realty to allow a conforming use of the commercial area.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Website, Tax PRD Installation and File Server Management. Roerig stated we have moved the website to the local file server to enable tax database query.
- B. Road Work Order. Roerig reported this improvement is in the 5 year plan, and recommended the approval of the work order. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk issue a work order to reconstruct and pave 133rd Ave from Old Allegan Rd to 60th St.** Motion carried unanimously.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission. At Shanahan's request, Knikelbine expressed his enjoyment working with the Board, how much he learned, and how much has been accomplished during his four year term.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Gudith reported the September meeting minutes were included in the packets.
- E. Web Site/Newsletter Update. No report.

AUDIENCE

Gudith recognized two Fennville High School and two Saugatuck High School students present in the audience, Kristina Wilkinson, Derek Andrew, Heather Morgan, and Jessie Kleino. Board thanked them for their attendance. Gudith introduced Damien Jarzembowski as the newly elected Trustee replacing outgoing Dan Shanahan. Board welcomed Jarzembowski.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Transcribed from tape by
Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk