

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on April 6, 2005 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, Chris Roerig and Damien Jarzembowski.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

**AUDIENCE**

None

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Roerig asked to include under *New Business, Item E. Dust Control* Approval of Road Work Orders.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 3/2/05, **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS**

**Motion by Gudith/Wright to accept total expenditures of \$7,893.98.** Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Appointment to Fire District Board. **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to appoint Reggie Smith to the Fire District Board replacing Marty Raebel.** Roerig questioned if we advertised for the open position. Wright stated that we had not, but relied on the advertisement results from a recent notice published by the Fire Board for the open At-Large position just filled. Roerig queried if any one else was interested in the position. Gudith stated there was an individual whom he met with and after talking with him informed him of the intention to appoint Smith. Roerig stated his desire to have the Township publish notices for all open appointments. Having no further discussion, the question was called and the motion to appoint Smith passed unanimously.
- B. Tree Cutting Moratorium. Jarzembowski explained the Planning Commission is recommending for adoption a resolution for a conditional moratorium on tree cutting in the commercial and industrial zoned districts. Wright asked how many parcels will be affected by the moratorium and if the owners affected have been notified. Jarzembowski agreed to investigate the answers and get back to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. City of Saugatuck Resurface Share Request. Roerig explained the City of Saugatuck is requesting payment of \$31,970 for ½ the cost of resurfacing Maple Street, a boundary street, and \$12,450 for resurfacing the township portion of Allegan Street. He noted the Road Committee had previously approved the work. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to approve the payment of \$44,420 to the City of Saugatuck for road resurfacing reimbursement.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Land Use Plan for Exit 41 Park Lands. Quade explained his conversation with the Parks Committee agreeing to fund an engineering plan that would detail the potential park uses for township land around the 911 tower and dog park. Quade submitted two engineering quotes and recommended approving the low bid of \$9,800 for Prein & Newhof to perform the land use plan. Wright stated there was still an unallocated fund balance available from the 911 tower lease that could be used for such purposes.

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**Motion by Knikelbine/Wright to approve \$9,800 for Prein & Newhof engineering of a land use plan for park purposes to be paid from designated park fund balance.** Carried unanimously.

- C. Employee Policy and Handbook. Quade presented a preliminary employee policy drawn up by an attorney specializing in labor practices. Board discussed parts of the policy and agreed to review the details and address at the next meeting.
- D. Award 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Reconstruction Bid to Low Bidder. Roerig stated bids for the reconstruction of 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue were opened at the County that morning and recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder Langlois & Sons Excavating in the amount of \$199,942.70. **Motion by Wright/Roerig to award the bid of \$199,942.70 to Langlois & Sons for the reconstruction of 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.** Carried unanimously.
- E. 2005 Dust Control and Approval of Road Work Orders. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to approve the 2005 Dust Control Order as submitted.** Carried unanimously. Roerig then presented a project on 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue stating a commitment of \$35,000 would add the project to the County's priority list. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to commit \$35,000 to the eventual reconstruction of 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 60<sup>th</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> Streets.** Carried unanimously. Roerig added additional resurfacing projects of 63<sup>rd</sup> from Old Allegan to 136<sup>th</sup>; Lorrimar Lane; the area of roads made up by Elizabeth Street to Cemetery Road to 66<sup>th</sup> to Clearbrook Drive to Blue Star; 65<sup>th</sup> from Clearbrook Drive to Blue Star; and 135<sup>th</sup> from Blue Star East to 64<sup>th</sup> then North to Blue Star. Board discussed the various projects. **Motion by Roerig/Jarzembowski to execute the road work order as submitted.** Carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported on the SAU for Ox-Bow stating there are Park Street residents that are not happy with the proposed expansion as well as other unresolved factors that need to be addressed by the applicant. He added the PUD behind Timberline has been tabled for more information and King Fisher Cove was approved with conditions. Board discussed the special ordinances being worked on by the commission.
- B. Road Commission. None.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported planning for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May continues, and asked that May 6<sup>th</sup> be declared Interurban Transit Day. **Resolution declaring May 6, 2005 as Interurban Transit Day was offered by Knikelbine and supported by Roerig.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright noted the department advertised for new members without success, but were able to make arrangements with Fennville Fire Department to have 3 of their current members act as new daytime members in our department.
- E. Website & Newsletter Updates. Wright stated the board packets are now available for downloading directly from the website [www.saugatucktownship.org](http://www.saugatucktownship.org) she added any interested parties can be included on a list to have the packets emailed.

#### **AUDIENCE**

Gerrit Sturrus reported on the carp shoot from the previous weekend stating he did not see any air boat activity. He added there appeared to be some effort to control the noise and the event ended at 2:00 a.m.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Knikelbine to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC  
Township Clerk