

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

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on July 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.

**AUDIENCE**

Phil Miller presented a letter written by Patricia Denner in support of the proposed tree preservation ordinance.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

Gudith asked to add under *New Business, Item G. Assessors Contract.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Knikelbine/Roerig to approve the minutes of 6/1/05 as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS**

Wright presented additional bills received after packets went out. **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to accept total expenditures of \$15,866.23.** Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Dick Waskin, Proposed zoning Ordinances. Roerig read into record the letter voicing concern and opposition to the ordinance changes being proposed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing scheduled for July 11, 2005. Jarzembowski rebutted several of his comments and supported the proposed changes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Life Insurance. Wright explained the group life policy formed with the Village of Douglas will be discontinued as of 7/19/05 and presented the Board with a comparable policy offered through MERS, the administrative company for the Township's retirement plan. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to move to the MERS life insurance plan at a cost of \$25.00/month.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Road Commission Recommendation to Accept Bid. Roerig verified the work order for road resurfacing was previously approved and issued. **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to approve the low bid from Klett Construction of \$272,784.25 for 2005 road resurfacing work.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution to Transfer Spectators Liquor License. New restaurant partner Clare Ray introduced himself and requested the Board approve a liquor license transfer. **Resolution was offered by Gudith and supported by Knikelbine to transfer ownership of 2005 class C license from Spectator, Inc. to Raypaq LLC.** Roll

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- call vote: Jarzembowski-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Wright-yes, Roerig-yes, Gudith-yes. Resolution declared adopted.
- D. Millage Renewal Election in November. Board discussed the possibility of adding a millage renewal proposal to the November ballot. Gudith presented information that affirmed Saugatuck Township with the lowest operating millage in Allegan County. Roerig posed several questions to be answered. Wright will research and present at the next meeting.
- E. Planning Commission Recommendation for Re-Zoning. Wright stated Rom Vano LLC requested the rezoning of a single parcel from A2 to R2 which was denied by the Planning Commission. She presented a newly acquired opinion from the Township Attorney which posed several questions and recommended returning the request back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to return the rezoning request of parcel #0320-023-012-00 back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration.** Jarzembowski stated the Commission discussed the issue thoroughly, but agreed they could review the attorney opinion. Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Commission Appointments. Gudith noted the terms for 2 Planning Commissioners and 1 ZBA member has expired, and recommended postponing any re-appointments to advertise for other interested people. Roerig noted an exception for appointing a replacement to the Parks Commission which has an opening due to the resignation of an elected official. Wright stated the individual who accepts the appointment will be required to run for office during the next general election in November of 2006 due to the length of term remaining. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to accept the resignation of Parks Commissioner Rob Smith and appoint Andrea Smith to replace him with the understanding Andrea Smith will formally run for office in November 2006.** Carried unanimously. Jarzembowski observed Planning Commissioner Chair, Joe Milaukas' term has expired but he desires to remain on the commission as a regular member. Gudith noted the expiration of Commissioner Steve Darpel's and ZBA Member Bill Wester's terms as well, and recommended advertising for interested individuals. Discussion ensued with Roerig and Jarzembowski recommending the reappointment of all 3 individuals as they are interested. Additional discussion took place with all members of the Planning Commission recommending reappointments. **Motion by Roerig/Jarzembowski to reappoint Joe Milaukas and Steve Darpel to the Planning Commission, and Bill Wester to the ZBA, each for a three year term expiring 6/30/08.** More discussion ensued and Roerig called the question. Gudith requested a roll call vote: Roerig-yes, Wright-yes, Gudith-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Jarzembowski-yes. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. Assessors Contract. Gudith explained the Assessors contract expired and he would like to renew with a 3% increase. Roerig asked what the dollar amount is, and if the work load decreased with Douglas becoming a city. Wright stated the increase is \$1,050.60/year and although there was a decrease in parcels with the splitting of Douglas, the work load remains the same due to lot splits, continued documentation of existing parcels, and additional work performed within the

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office. Knikelbine concurred. **Motion by Gudith/Jarzembowski to approve Alan Jeffries' 2005/2006 contract for assessing duties in the amount of \$36,070.60 annually.** Carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported on projects brought before the commission. Roerig suggested scheduling a joint meeting with the Board.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported dust control and culvert replacement has been completed, resurfacing is going on, and another good year for roads.
- C. Interurban. No Report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the department is continuing to work with Oxbow, but has not given approval for the expansion yet. She added the Fire Board is considering purchasing Nomex wild fire suits for department members after the experience of fighting the Denison dune fire in full turn out gear.
- E. Web Site and Newsletter Updates. No Report.

**AUDIENCE**

Gerrit Sturris stated his support of the Planning Commission decision not to rezone the A2 parcel to R2. Jarzembowski responded, and Darpel noted there are issues the attorney did not address.

There being no further business, **Motion by Gudith/Wright to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.**  
Motion carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC  
Township Clerk