

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on October 5, 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, Chris Roerig, and Damien Jarzembowski.

Absent: Pat Knikelbine.

**AUDIENCE**

Glenn Spoerl, Tri-Community Master Plan Follow-Up Committee. Spoerl, chair of the master plan committee, spoke regarding the creation of a follow-up committee to act as a master plan resource to the municipal board/councils. He suggested forming the committee with 9 members, 3 from each municipality, in an advisory capacity only. Board agreed to support the concept and will investigate into interested citizens capable to sit on the committee.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

Roerig asked to add under *N.B. Item D. Public Meeting for potential road project at Clearbrook Drive and 64<sup>th</sup> St.* Gudith asked to add under *N.B. Item E. Balmer ZBA Meeting, and F. Resolution of support for Hurricane Relief.* He also requested to remove *N.B. Item C. Heritage Trail Pedestal at River Bluff Park.*

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 9/7/05, **Motion by Gudith/Roerig to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS**

Wright presented the board with additional bills received after packets were sent out. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to accept total expenditures of \$321,182.80.** Roerig noted the substantial amount is due to road resurfacing performed earlier in the season. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. RomVano Rezoning Request. Gudith stated the Board has received further pertinent information in regard to the rezoning request. Wright explained the options and processes necessary to either deny or allow the request. **Motion by Roerig/Gudith to approve the rezoning of parcel #0320-023-012-00 from A-2 to R-2.** Roerig stated he reviewed all information and supports the rezoning due to discrepancies in the Planning Commission's criteria used in their denial of the rezoning. Board discussed the criteria in detail. Roll call vote: Wright-yes, Jarzembowski-yes, Roerig-yes, Gudith-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Orchard Valley Rezoning Request. Wright stated the parcel is located on Wiley Road and best known as the Michigan State Extension Orchard adjacent to the Village of Douglas. She added both the Township and County Planning Commissions have approved the rezoning from A-2 to R-1. **Motion by Gudith/Jarzembowski to approve the rezoning of parcels #0320-021-001-00, 021-005-00, and 021-005-10 from A-2 to R-1.** Roll call vote: Gudith-yes, Roerig-yes, Wright-yes, Jarzembowski-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Ponderosa Proposal for Holiday Decorating. Wright presented a proposal to decorate the front of the township building with evergreen roping, lights, and bows for the holiday season at a cost of \$130.00. **Motion by Wright/Gudith to approve \$130.00 for holiday decoration.** Carried unanimously.
- C. River Bluff Park Pedestal. Agenda item deleted.
- D. Clearbrook Drive and 64<sup>th</sup> Street. Roerig announced he will be holding a public meeting for a potential road project at the corner of Clearbrook and 64<sup>th</sup> on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Road committee and county road commissioner will be present to discuss improvement options with residents for the purpose of increasing the safety of the corner.
- E. Balmer ZBA Hearing. Gudith read a memo from the Zoning Administrator which asked the board to waive the normal zoning board of appeals fee due to his misinformation to the applicant. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to waive the ZBA fee for this one hearing.** Motion carried unanimously.
- F. Resolution of Support for Hurricane Relief. Roerig read the resolution observing the weekend of November 4 – 6, 2005 and February 24 – 28, 2006 as Hurricane Relief Weekends. **Resolution of support for hurricane relief weekends was offered by Roerig and seconded by Gudith.** Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski updated the board with the latest projects.
- B. Road Commission. No report, but Jarzembowski asked Roerig about 63<sup>rd</sup> street repairs. Roerig suggested looking at options.
- C. Interurban. No Report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated the department will be holding their annual open house on Sunday, interviews are being held for a new part-time secretary, the hose truck has been refitted, and the Fire Board is reviewing options for access to Lakeshore Drive south of the washout.
- E. Website & Newsletter Updates. Wright noted the website is back up and working. Roerig stated staff member Aaron Sheridan is working on the latest newsletter.

**AUDIENCE**

Gudith introduced Saugatuck High School students Casey Lepior and Amber DeWitt. Jim Hanson, Planning Commission Chair, spoke regarding the tri-community master plan follow up committee suggesting a strict agenda to be effective.

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

Jane Wright, CMC  
Township Clerk