

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006, 7:00 p.m.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Damien Jarzembowski, Trustee Chris Roerig.

**Members absent:** None.

Public comments were offered, Kaye Smalley spoke in regard to the proposed cooperation agreement later in the agenda. Norman Deam gave comments on the same agenda item. Planning Commission Chair Jim Hansen responded with the recommendation that if the new R-4 zone were ever rolled back to the prior zoning, all parcels in R-4 should be. Public comment ended at 7:10 p.m.

Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval:

- A. Accounts Payable
  - i. ACCIDENT FUND through JANE WRIGHT  
Total to be paid \$79,426.79
  - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited  
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
  - i. August 2, 2006 Regular Township Board Meeting
  - ii. August 16, 2006 Special Township Board Meeting

**Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to approve the agenda as presented,** Roerig verified the consent agenda would include the newly submitted bills to be paid. Carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Al Ellingsen, share of expense for annual educational conference. Wright explained the Zoning Administrator is again requesting approximately ¼ share of the expense to attend an educational conference, estimating it would not exceed \$250. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Jarzembowski to approve a share of expense for Z.A. Ellingsen to attend the annual educational conference not to exceed \$250.** Carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

- A. Cooperation Agreement with Saugatuck LLC. Wester presented the agreement stating there have been multiple drafts of the agreement with negotiations between our attorney and the attorney for Saugatuck LLC. Knikelbine asked if we are considering at any time the roll back of the current zoning. Wester referred to the agreement stating the zoning would be rolled back if no agreement can be reached after four years. Wright verified the agreement does not change the current R-4 zoning, adding if any development is proposed, Saugatuck LLC would work with the Township to come to an agreement with the type of development and if no agreement can be

reached after the four year period, the zoning would then be rolled back for all of R-4. Roerig stated the tolling agreement is with Saugatuck LLC only, but if the R-4 zone is repealed for that parcel, it should be repealed for all within the zone. Board agreed and verified with Hansen a public hearing would be required before any zoning change. Jarzembowski stated in his opinion the agreement is an act of intimidation on behalf of Saugatuck LLC. Wester stated it is a pro-active approach to avoiding a lawsuit. Roerig added he is supportive of the protection R-4 gives to the area, but is sensitive to avoid a lawsuit on behalf of his constituents who pay taxes to the township because they can not afford to defend a lengthy lawsuit. Board discussion ensued at great length with Wester calling the question. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Roerig to adopt the cooperation agreement with Saugatuck LLC as presented.** Motion carried 4 to 1 with Jarzembowski voting against the motion.

- B. Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance. Wright stated the ordinance was written by the Township Attorney to bring all the zoning ordinances into compliance with the new Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Roerig to adopt the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Rezoning of 2 Parcels Previously Rezoned. Wright reported two parcels were previously rezoned but failed to be published as required. She added the oversight was found during the pre-recodification process and to comply with state law the Board should adopt an ordinance to rezone the parcels again and then publish the ordinance, after which it would become effective. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt an Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance as presented.** Motion carried unanimously and the ordinance was declared adopted.
- D. Library Agreement without Manlius Township. Wright reported the agreement was signed by the Board in 2005 along with the City of Saugatuck, City of Douglas, and Manlius Township. She added Manlius voters failed to approve an extra voted millage to support their portion of the agreement thereby rendering it void. The new library agreement would be with just Saugatuck Township, City of Saugatuck, and City of Douglas. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Jarzembowski to adopt the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library Agreement as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. No Report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported the County Road Commission has given a completion date of September 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion took place as to communicating with the County and MDOT to coordinate projects.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the department has sold the old tanker truck for \$9,500.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. Wright will update with new Board picture. Roerig working on the latest newsletter.

Public comment was offered. Mike Condron asked for clarification of the cooperation agreement. Anonymous person voiced opposition over allowing outdoor wood burning furnaces in the township.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Roerig, seconded by Jarzembowski to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

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