

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007, 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 arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Members absent: None.

Also present: Manager Phil Quade.

Public comments were offered. Wester introduced SHS government students William Donovan and Tim Jankowiak. Dave Heilman 2755 Blue Star Hwy stated his opposition to the rezoning scheduled to be addressed under Unfinished Business. Public comment ended at 7:03 p.m.

Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval with additional bills received after packets were sent out.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO EQUALIZATION through VERIZON NORTH
Total to be paid \$38,142.53
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. January 3, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Review

Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Millennium Properties Re-Zone. Discussion took place regarding several documents received by the Board highlighting different points of fact. Wester asked for individual feedback on the proposal to re-zone a portion of a parcel from A-1 to C-3. Wright stated she supported a low impact commercial use that would employ 30 local individuals, but was concerned about the neighbor's opposition. Knikelbine verified the applicants own other property that is currently commercially zoned, but can not be used due to the high water table. Questions were asked by the Board to the property owner and additional discussion took place. Wester stated this is a tough decision due to the neighbor's resistance and felt the plan that included residential use behind the commercial was ill conceived. Roerig noted the owners purchased the property knowing it was zoned for agricultural use and not commercial. He also noted the opposition to the rezoning.

Jarzembowski said he voted against the rezoning when it was before the Planning Commission and stated he still doesn't understand why they couldn't utilize their C-3 property. Having no further discussion Wester verified with Wright the proper procedure to take when addressing the request.

Motion by Jarzembowski/Roerig to enact the denial to rezone the entire parcel on the east side of Blue Star Hwy from A-1 to C-3. Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Wright-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes, Jarzembowski-yes. Motion to deny the rezoning request passed 5-0. **Motion by Wright/Jarzembowski to enact the denial to rezone a portion of the parcel on the west side of Blue Star Hwy from C-3 to A-1.** Roll call vote: Roerig-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Jarzembowski-yes, Wright-yes, Wester-yes. Motion to deny the rezoning request passed 5-0. **Motion by Jarzembowski/Roerig to deny the approval to rezone a portion of the parcel on the east side of Blue Star Hwy from A-1 to C-3.** Roll call vote: Knikelbine-no, Wester-yes, Wright-no, Jarzembowski-yes, Roerig-yes. Motion to deny the rezoning request passed 3-2.

- B. Cost Recovery Ordinance. Quade acknowledged both the original ordinance language and the language as amended by the Township Attorney, but stated if the original is adopted it would address the needs and remain consistent with the two cities. Roerig stated the Board desired the attorney's opinion, but noted what he returned was more than we need. General discussion took place and there was a **Motion by Wright/Knikelbine to adopt by resolution an ordinance for the purpose of recovering expenses incurred in responding to certain emergency occurrences, as originally submitted.** Motion carried unanimously and resolution declared adopted.

New Business:

- A. Fire Board Representative Reggie Smith, Year in Review. Smith presented total calls for 2006 as 528, with an average response time of 4.72 minutes. He highlighted the projects and purchases and noted 6 new members are currently taking fire school. Board thanked him and asked several questions about response times and ambulance service in the area.
- B. Adopt 2007 Poverty Guidelines. **Motion by Roerig/Jarzembowski to adopt the 2007 federal poverty guidelines as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Meadow Argus Light Assessment District. Wright explained developer Jeff Klemm has approached the township asking to approve a new street light assessment district for his condominium association. She explained the procedure and there was a **Motion by Roerig/Knikelbine to accept the formation of Meadow Argus Condominium Association Light Assessment District.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Road Work Order for Old Allegan Road Completion. Roerig stated he attended the annual county resurfacing meeting where they approved the completion of Old Allegan Road that has 1.9 miles within the township and then runs into Manlius past the rendering plant to 58th St. He noted under the new reimbursement guidelines we are responsible for \$35,000/mile. Wright stated there remains \$66,670.85 unallocated in the road fund and we would have enough to approve the work order. **Motion by Roerig/Wright to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the road work order to complete Old Allegan Road.** Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Non-Motorized Trail Work Order. Quade stated we have received the bids for construction of the non-motorized trail, and low bidder was Triangle Excavators of Holland in the amount of \$334,451. Roerig verified we have to pay 20% or \$66,890. Quade stated the trail would be 1.7 miles from Saugatuck City limits to 64th Street, 10' wide and paved for bikers, hikers, or any non-motorized use. He added the work order is through the County Road Commission. Wright asked if the public hearings have been completed. Quade stated the Engineer has met with all interested residents that will be impacted and made adjustments to the trail that are acceptable, so no further hearings are scheduled. Board discussed resurfacing, tree root growth, and other issues and

verified maintenance expenses would be paid out the general fund. Quade verified liability insurance would be under the county road commission as it is in their right of way. **Motion by Wright/Jarzemowski to approve the work order for construction of a non-motorized trail as presented.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzemowski updated the Board on a PUD under consideration on Lake Shore Drive previously known as Collins Wooded Acres, stating it has been tabled.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Terry Burns reviewed the committees he sits on. He also spoke regarding the harbor maintenance issue, stating he continues to investigate funding sources.

Public comment was offered. PC Chair Jim Hansen urged the Board to think about who they want to appoint to the Joint Planning Committee. Tony Schippa, 2750 Blue Star Hwy, stated he appreciated the hard decision not to re-zone Millennium Properties. Public comment ended at 8:31 p.m.

Wester stated at this time having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date