

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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, and Trustee Chris Roerig.

Also present: Manager Phil Quade.

Members absent excused: Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Wester opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Judge Joseph Skocelas presented the 2006 annual report of the 57th District Court and updated the board on his activity for the past year. Knikelbine introduced audience members Frank & Barb Elliot, noting Frank Elliot represents the township on the Fennville Ambulance Board. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:15.

Approval of Agenda: Wester then brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. A.D. BOS through XTREME CLEANING
Total to be paid \$18,045.77
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. September 5, 2007 Special Township Joint Board/PC Meeting
 - ii. September 5, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting

Wester asked to add under “Unfinished Business, Item A. Discussion on Health Care”, and to add under “New Business, Item D. MeadowArgus Water/Sewer Agreement”. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda with the additional bills and agenda items as amended.** Carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion on Health Care. Wester noted at the previous meeting there was a discussion on adding employees to Priority Health insurance due to a loss of other coverage. He stated after talking to Manager Quade he understands that all full time employees are entitled to the insurance should they lose their other coverage. Discussion took place and Roerig requested to expand the bid process to include other coverage at the appropriate time.

New Business:

- A. Boundary Line Adjustment Request. Wright explained a property owner in High Shores Subdivision on Lakeshore Drive desires to sell a portion of one lot to his neighbor thereby adjusting the boundary line between the two owners to the north by 67.5'. She added due to the property being within a subdivision, state law requires the governing municipality give their approval to adjust the recorded plat. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wester to approve the boundary line adjustment as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Planning Commission/ZBA and Fire Board Appointments. Wester noted there were 4 applicants for 2 positions: John Huyge, Eric Beckman, Dan Marczuk, and Bill Rowe. 1 present in the audience: Bill Rowe. Wester thanked all applicants for their interest and asked for questions from the Board. Questions were asked of Rowe and board thanked him for being present to answer them. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Roerig to appoint Bill Rowe to the Planning Commission and Z.B.A. to replace resigned member Brent VanOss.** Carried unanimously. Wright stated Reggie Smith, Township Representative to the Fire Board, is moving out of the area and needs to be replaced with one of the remaining 3 individuals. Roerig stated he knew Eric Beckman and felt he would be a good fit for the position. Board discussion took place and there was a **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to appoint Eric Beckman to the Fire Board replacing resigned member Reggie Smith.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Library Development Committee Update. Wright stated the Library Board formed the Development Committee for the purpose of deciding how best to proceed with the use of the Annex property. She stated as a member of the committee it was determined the first step will be to conduct a program and services survey of the community to enable the development of a long range plan. Jim Hanson who was present in the audience and also a member of the committee added the survey will establish what programs and services the community wants and desires as opposed to library staff or library board members.
- D. MeadowArgus Water/Sewer Agreement. Quade presented the Board with a recommended agreement between the Township and the City of Douglas for water and sewer connection charges within the MeadowArgus subdivision on Wiley Road. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the water/sewer agreement with City of Douglas/MeadowArgus as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported the Bradley Road project turned out to be a very large project due to the infrastructure improvements. He stated the road turned out well with less destruction than feared. Next project will be 127th Ave. Board discussed the expiring 1.0 mill and the possibility to split the renewal between roads and non-motorized trails.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine stated they exceeded the 2006 ridership on September 10th with 52,198 year to date riders. She also reported approving a 3% wage increase for the employees.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the fall open house will be Sunday and they will be requesting a variance for the back lit sign.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. Wright suggested including information on the January primary election in the December newsletter. Board discussed additional reports to include.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns updated board with ongoing work at the county.

Public comment was offered. Jim Hanson reminded the Board of a special joint meeting with the Planning Commission to be held before the next regular meeting on November 7th at 6:00 p.m. Knikelbine informed everyone that there will be a flu clinic held on October 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the back board room. Having no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date