

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 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, and Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

**Members absent excused:** Trustee Chris Roerig.

Wester opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Howard Bouwens, Jr. discussed issues pertaining to the special approval use that the PC recently rescinded for his property at 365 Maple St. which allowed for open air boat sales. He spoke against the rescinding of the SAU until 7:30. Jeff Farnsworth, candidate for State Representative, spoke regarding his political platform until 7:35. Dayle Harrison, 3108 62<sup>nd</sup> St. spoke regarding the tax tribunal lawsuits being brought against the township by Saugatuck LLC, owner of the former Denison property. Harrison stated concern over the township's actions and asked to be put on the December agenda to further address the issue. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:42.

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

- A. Accounts Payable
  - i. ALLEGAN CO ROAD COMM through SOMETHING DIFF SIGNS  
Total to be paid \$79,647.17
  - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited  
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
  - i. October 3, 2007 Regular Township Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Statements

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

**Correspondence:**

- A. Robert & Carol O'Connell Request to lower property assessment. Wester noted the O'Connell's concern over property values, but disputed their statement that the bike path decreased their value. Board agreed and will not request the Assessor to lower their assessed value.

- A. **Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- A. Recognition for Zach Tanis & Boy Scout Troop 33. Wester stated Tanis and members of Troop 33 performed some monument maintenance and preservation at Riverside Cemetery for an Eagle Scout Project. He recognized and thanked the individuals for their contribution.

- B. Proposal for Holiday Decoration. Wright stated Ponderosa Nursery is proposing to supply evergreen roping and decorate the front of the township office in the same manner as previous years for the same price of \$260. **Motion by Knikelbine/Wright to accept the proposal from Ponderosa Nursery of \$260 to put up and take down office building Christmas decorations.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Proposed Franchise Agreement with Comcast. Wester stated the 10 year agreement would be renewing the previous 10 year agreement for cable service to the township. Wright stated there is no other cable provider interested in providing service to the area, but suggested an audit be performed on their past franchise payments. Board agreed to address the signing of the agreement at the December meeting after an audit has been performed. **Motion by Wester/Jarzembowski to table signing the cable franchise agreement with Comcast.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Final Action on Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Farm Labor Housing. Wester called upon PC Chair Hanson who was present in the audience to explain the proposed zoning ordinance. Hanson stated the township had very little regulations in place for farm labor housing and the proposed ordinance would address the issue. **Motion by Wester/Jarzembowski to adopt the Farm Labor Housing ordinance as presented.** Roll call vote: Knikelbine-yes, Wester-yes, Jarzembowski-yes, Wright-yes. Ordinance declared adopted 4-0.
- E. Fire Code Board of Appeals. Wright stated a need has been identified to organize a new Board of Appeals to review and interpret portions of the adopted 2000 Fire Code. She presented the following suggested slate of members to nominate: Charles Carlson, Registered Architect as the design professional; Scott Phelps, retired Assistant Fire Chief as the fire protection engineering professional; Andrew Veldt, Licensed Engineer as the industrial safety professional; Roger Marcy, Licensed Builder as the general contractor; and James Jeltema, Business Owner as the business representative. **Motion by Jarzembowski/Wester to appoint the slate of members to the Fire Code Board of Appeals as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported a proposed dog kennel has withdrawn their application. He also reported on the joint meeting with the board where they discussed ordinance compliance with approvals.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Website & Newsletter Update. No report.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns updated board with ongoing work at the county.

Public comment was offered. Hearing none, public comment was closed.

**Wester stated if there is no more business to come before the board he declares it adjourned at 8:13 p.m.**

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

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