

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008, 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 Chris Roerig, and Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Members absent: None.

Also present: Manger Phil Quade.

Wester opened the public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the 2008/2009 budget and asked for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing, opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Becky Rininger, Allegan County Drain Commissioner addressed the board and presented the 2007 annual drain report. Bonnie Wilkins announced she will be running for District 1 County Commissioner. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:20.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions, deletions, or removal of items from the consent agenda. Hearing none, Wester then brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. AQUA-TEC through XTREME CLEANING. Total to be paid \$13,349.04
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited (check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. May 7, 2008 Regular Township Board Meeting

Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda with the additional bills received as presented. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A. Valli Virgo-Caperton, Request not to pave 127th. Roerig stated the public hearing to pave 127th went very well with the majority of residents in favor of the project. He added based on that public hearing bids were requested and awarded. Quade will write a letter to Virgo-Caperton explaining the paving of 127th will proceed.
- B. George Brown, Request to improve 135th Ave Intersection. Roerig stated the situation has been recognized as a problem in the past but is the County Road Commission's responsibility. Board discussion took place and it was agreed to encourage the County to review traffic at the intersection for safety.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None.

New Business:

- A. 2007/2008 Budget Amendments. Quade presented the proposed budget amendments and asked for any questions from the Board. Wright stated the amendments are necessary to ensure compliance with the uniform budgeting act. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to approve the General Fund budget amendments dated June 4, 2008 as submitted.** Quade noted the amendments include a \$95,304 reduction in fund balance. Wright stated she is comfortable with that reduction as the fund balance was \$371,000. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Review, Revise, and Adopt 2008/2009 Budget. Quade commented State shared revenue has been reduced and taxable value increases will only result in approximately \$6,000 in increased tax revenue, therefore a transfer from fund balance in the amount of \$28,000 will be necessary to balance the General Fund budget. He stated all other funds are very healthy and some special assessment funds will see a reduction in taxes. Board discussion took place regarding different areas of the General Fund budget until all questions were answered. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Jarzembowski to adopt the Elected Officials Salary Resolution dated June 4, 2008 as presented.** Roll call vote: Jarzembowski-yes, Roerig-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Wright-yes, Wester-yes. Motion declared adopted. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to adopt the 2008/2009 budget based upon the General Appropriations Act as presented.** Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Wright-yes, Roerig-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Jarzembowski-yes. Motion declared adopted. Roerig stated his appreciation to Quade for the work put forth in compiling the budget, overview, and associated notes.
- C. Review and Adopt 2008/2009 Fire District Budget. Wester introduced Eric Beckman, Township Representative on the Fire Board who presented the 2008/2009 Fire District budget and asked for any questions. Discussion took place and there was a **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the 2008/2009 Fire District Annual Budget as presented.** Carried unanimously. Beckman noted they would hold their public hearing Monday.
- D. Warner Rezoning Request. Wester presented the request by John Warner to rezone parcel #0320-003-058-00 from C2/R1 to all R1. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the rezoning as presented.** Roll call vote: Wright-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes, Jarzembowski-yes, Wester-yes. Motion declared adopted.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported on a Special Approval Use application at 6473 Blue Star, the building at Saugatuck RV Resort where a portion of the building was sold. He stated the building meets no minimum requirements and the application was tabled. He also reported on a PUD for Moore's Creek at 134th and Blue Star that was approved.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported ridership was down 2% and contract approval for Sessions Lawn Care.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisors Report. Wester stated they will be holding a meeting with residents in and around the Lake Trail development off of Old Allegan Road to try and resolve some house numbering issues which are causing emergency response problems. He also stated Stephen Neumer, attorney for Aubrey McClendon, has requested a meeting to present information on a preliminary plan for the development of the Denison property sometime in August. Board discussion took place and it was agreed to hold the meeting at the High School auditorium with public comment after the presentation.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns was not in attendance but submitted a statement asking permission for the Lakeshore Coordinating Council to meet at the township office once a

month. Board noted the meetings were during office hours and agreed to the use of the board room.

Public comment was offered. Fritz Royce asked if either of the Trustees met with Stephen Neumer. Jarzembowski and Roerig both stated they have not been contacted, but agreed they would not meet in private. General discussion took place regarding procedures to follow during the presentation. Eric Beckmen complimented how good the cemeteries looked for Memorial Day. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date