

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on August 6, 2008 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wester, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig and Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Members Absent: Excused, Clerk Jane Wright.

Wester opened the meeting and asked for public comments. Susan Bunting, 2809 Lakeshore Dr. gave her opinion on a lack of maintenance on Lakeshore Drive. Bunting requested help for road construction between Wiley and M-89. Roerig stated the Board is concerned, but added the Township has no authority because it is a County road and therefore it would be Allegan County's responsibility. Roerig also stated the Planning Commission is addressing the lakeshore issue. Cynthia Hatfield, 2660 Chestnut Lane asked about the status of the federal funding for lakeshore and that it was considered a disaster area thru FEMA. Roerig stated they would need to contact Bill Nelson for that answer. Mitch Bugno, 2771 Lakeshore Dr. stated that homeowners along the lakeshore are willing to grant property to the east of their property. Jim Hanson, Planning Commission Chair, explained they are proposing a Central Lakeshore sub area plan which calls to reattach what was lost in 1986. Roerig suggested that the lakeshore residents start a petition with signatures agreeing on moving the road and to have a meeting with Bill Nelson. Deb Mathieu, 6937 Hickory Lane suggested the Board pass a moratorium for development on the lakeshore until the road issue is resolved. Wester asked her to produce a presentation and be placed on the next agenda. Roerig commended Lori Babinski on a fantastic job running the election yesterday. Hearing no further public comment, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 7:32.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Correspondence:

- A. Fireworks Fund Committee requesting a contribution. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Knikelbine to donate \$500.00.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Saugatuck Township Fire Department requesting approval to nominate Scott Phelps to the open at-large position. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Jarzembowski to appoint Scott Phelps to the "at-large" position.** Carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

- A. Felcia Fairchild, Michigan Small Harbors Coalition presented a resolution supporting the coalition. Wester supported the resolution but questioned the yearly fee that might be applied which would run \$300 to \$350. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to adopt the resolution supporting Michigan small harbors coalition as submitted.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Phillip Koetje, Request for Used Car Dealership. Koetje explained he would be working alone and that he was leasing from the owners Aron & Eric Enterprises, Inc. The business is located at 3514 63rd St. which is zoned Industrial. Mr. Koetje was missing the second page. The board placed it on hold until he brought in the paper. Z. A. Ellingsen set conditions for this operation. **Motion by Wester, supported by**

Knikelbine to approve a used car dealership with conditions as stated. Roll call vote: Roerig-yes, Wester-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Jarzembowski-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Siegfried Crandall, Proposal to Audit. Wester explained that the state is requiring much more recording and more in depth in auditing, therefore the reason for the cost increase of \$1000. Knikelbine verified it would not exceed \$9,000. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Roerig to accept the proposal to audit, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, as submitted by Siegfried Crandall.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Saugatuck Township Fire Department, Request to Adopt the 2006 Fire Code. **Motion by Jarzembowski, seconded by Wester to adopt the 2006 Fire Code.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Jarzembowski reported on projects brought before the commission. Jack Helder requested a sand mining project on 62nd St. and neighbors are expressing their concern. Planning Commission is discussing how the operation should be run. Would cost approximately \$40,000 if they put a drive coming in thru M-89. Issue was tabled. Dean Borland, owner of the property located at 6471 Blue Star Hwy, brought in new plans but Planner Sisson still had concerns. Issue was also tabled. Dayle Harrison debated the process on determining the high water mark and how it would concern the zoning ordinance.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated they did address Lake Shore Dr. and it is still being looked at but is a very complex solution and very costly. Roerig reported that the road millage passed by 68%. Also 127th Ave. is coming along getting ready to be paved.
- C. Interurban. No Report.
- D. Fire Authority. No Report.
- E. Supervisor's Report. Wester reported the renaming of streets off of Old Allegan Rd. and they are waiting for John Johnson's official word.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. No report.

Roerig stated the township has been asked to participate with the City of Saugatuck to discuss the sale of south Denison. The first meeting was cancelled but rescheduled for August 14, 2008. Wester and Roerig will be attending the meeting organized by Mayor Tony Vettori.

Public Comment: Gerrit Sturru, reported Lake Ridge Dr. as his new street name off Old Allegan Rd. 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 8:14 p.m.

Lori Babinski, Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

Date