

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, and Trustee Chris Roerig.

**Members absent excused:** Trustee Damien Jarzembowski.

Wester opened the regular meeting and asked for public comments. Lt. Dave Greydanus and Trooper George Duncan from the Michigan State Police presented the 2008 incident responses for the Wayland and Saugatuck Posts and noted 3 new recruits are being assigned to the Saugatuck Detachment. Hearing no further comments, Wester closed that portion of the meeting at 6:15.

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

- A. Accounts Payable
  - i. ALLEGAN CO CLERK through XTREME CLEANING  
Total to be paid \$2,739.25
  - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited  
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
  - i. January 7, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
  - ii. January 30, 2009 Special Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Review

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

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- A. 2009 Poverty Guidelines. Knikelbine presented the 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Board discussion took place as to the need to address the issue on an annual basis. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt the Federal Poverty Guidelines on an annual basis as they are released to the Federal Resister to be used for Township Poverty Exemption purposes.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Cemetery Maintenance Contract Renewal. Wester stated the contract for cemetery mowing and maintenance services is being presented for renewal with the existing contractor, Session Lawn Care Inc. He stated it is a one year contract at the same rate as last year. He suggested amending

the language to include indemnification from any sub-contractors the contractor may hire. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Knikelbine to approve the Cemetery Maintenance contract with Sessions Lawn Care Inc as amended.** Motion carried unanimously.

- C. 2009 Road Work Order. Roerig presented a road work order that would allow for the resurfacing of a section of 64<sup>th</sup> Street between 134<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 135<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and a section of Clearbrook Drive between 64<sup>th</sup> Street and 65<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated the estimated cost of the project is \$200,000 and it would be the only resurfacing road work order for 2009. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to approve the 2009 Road Work Order as presented.** Wester asked for discussion and identified an area of 64<sup>th</sup> Street that has washed out in the past. He inquired if the drain commission should get involved with possible engineering studies to avoid future wash outs. Roerig will contact appropriate parties to identify the need. Motion to approve the work order passed unanimously.
- D. Road Maintenance Millage Renewal. Wright stated that 1 of the 2 road maintenance millages has expired. She added if the Board desires to place a millage renewal proposition on the ballot this year the only regularly scheduled election for 2009 is the school election to be held in May. Board discussion took place and it was agreed to ask the voters for a renewal of the millage. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Roerig to place the Road Maintenance Renewal Millage Proposition on the May ballot as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- E. Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance. Jim Hanson, Planning Commission Chair, was present in the audience and explained corner lots are currently defined as located at the intersection of two or more Streets. He stated the new ordinance expands the definition to include Private Roads and improves the safety and welfare of residents. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to adopt the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance as presented.** Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Wright-yes, Roerig-yes, Knikelbine-yes. Ordinance declared adopted 4 to 0.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig presented the Allegan County Area 1 paving schedule for 2009. He stated they agreed to resurface 1.76 miles of 58<sup>th</sup> Street from Fennville to 0.25 miles north of 128<sup>th</sup> Ave. He added many residents in the south side of the township will benefit from this project.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported ridership was up 14.1%. She stated they also approved a 2010 MDOT grant application which covers operating and general assistance.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisors Report. Wester stated the approval for funds from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to assist in the purchase of the "South Denison" property will be delayed until an "in cycle" grant can be considered in December.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns discussed several matters.

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

**Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Wester, Township Supervisor

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