

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 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, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members absent: None.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions, deletions, or removal of items from the consent agenda, and Wright presented additional bills for a total to be approved of \$14,728.24. Wester asked to remove #6 Calling of Closed Session from the agenda due to a scheduling conflict with the attorney. Knikelbine corrected #10 New Business, Item A. to reflect "64th Street" as the location of the road work order instead of "Clearbrook Dr." Hearing no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO EQUALIZATION through JANE WRIGHT
Total to be paid \$14,728.24
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 1, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Review

Motion by Wright seconded by Roerig, to approve the agenda as amended. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence:

- A. Lakeshore Microboost, request for 1/3 fee registration. Wester stated Microboost owner John Huyge is currently taking in lawn waste from area residents at his site on 63rd Street. Roerig asked if there are any nuisance issues created with the operation. Wester stated no. Knikelbine asked for an agreement where a pro-rated portion of the \$200 for three years would be returned should he go out of business before the end of the term. Discussion took place and it was agreed a written agreement is necessary. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to approve \$200 expenditure from community promotion to Lakeshore Microboost to pay for 1/3 of the 3 year registration to operate under DEQ requirements, contingent upon the signing of an agreement.** Roerig asked if the operation could be considered a nuisance due to odors. Hanson

stated if he violates the nuisance ordinance that would be addressed independently of the DEQ permit. Hanson added the idea of Microboost is to break down the waste efficiently without odor, and we don't have ordinances controlling this business specifically. Wright stated Huyge has been in the office discussing the business with Zoning Administrator Al Ellingsen and the use was approved administratively. Motion to approve the expenditure carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Road Work Order, 64th Street Culvert. Roerig stated there are two culvert projects, this one on 64th Street and another on Clearbrook Drive. He added the Clearbrook Drive culvert requires DEQ approval so it will come later but recommended approving this work order now. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the road work order for culvert repairs on 64th Street.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. City of Village of Douglas, Division of Assets Payment. Wright stated the division of assets agreement with Douglas includes an annual payment of \$15,000 and we have received the 2009 invoice. She added the agreement includes a paragraph relating to the cemetery agreement which states Douglas agrees to negotiate in good faith with the Township to enter into an agreement regarding the equitable sharing of costs for the operation and maintenance of the cemeteries. Roerig verified the division of assets agreement was signed over two years ago and questioned if the lack of progress on a cemetery agreement in that length of time equated to good faith negotiations. Board discussion took place and Wright verified Douglas failed to pay the 2008 sharing of costs due to the lack of an agreement. Knikelbine reported Manager Quade is scheduled to meet with the Douglas Manager next Tuesday and hopes to get an agreement at that time. Board agreed the right thing for Douglas to do is to enter into the same agreement that the City of Saugatuck signed and share in the costs to maintain the graves of their ancestors. Board was hopeful the meeting between Managers would be productive and agreed not to hold the division of assets payment due to the lack of a cemetery agreement. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wester to approve the 2009 division of assets payment of \$15,000 to the City of the Village of Douglas.** Wester stated he hoped the City of Douglas would be proactive and enter into the cemetery agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson reported on the Whispering Waters development and the possible requirement of bonds for the community septic system. He added the other issue the commission is working on is a wind energy ordinance. Hanson then reported the election of officers took place with Larry Edris accepting the chair, Bill Rowe vice-chair, and Sandra Rausch secretary.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported he will be attending a Douglas Lakeshore Association meeting to update them on discussions with South Lakeshore Drive residents in regard to emergency response access to south of the washout. Roerig suggested assisting the residents to fund the access by setting up a special assessment district.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported ridership for June was down from last year and the winter tax millage was approved at 0.4861 mills. She added the ridership for Venetian Day was huge at over 3,000 passengers in one day.

- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisors Report. Wester stated he was contacted by McClendon's attorney with a draft of new R4 zoning language and he will pass it on to the Planning Commission for review.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns reported meeting with emergency management in Holland for Ottawa and Allegan County weather damaged roads. He added 911 will be asking people to vote on a new surcharge in November.

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 6:50 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date