

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010, 6:00 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Roerig offered to chair the meeting in the absence of Wester, called it to order at 6:00 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members absent: Supervisor Bill Wester.

Public Comment: Vaune Ploger asked about the idea of consolidating the three governments and if the township was involved with the discussion. Roerig stated the township has not been directly involved but suggested she contact the Saugatuck Chamber of Commerce for additional information. Ploger asked what the board members opinions were in regard to consolidation. Each member responded their own opinions that supported maintaining the current township style of government and not changing to a city government. Greg Raymond stated he recently moved to the area and asked if paving 128th Street was being planned. Roerig noted it is a county primary road and scheduled for paving in 2011.

Approval of Agenda: Roerig asked for any additions, deletions, or removal of items from the consent agenda. Hanson requested to add under New Business, *Item C. Personnel Policy*. Roerig added *Item D. Discussion on creating a Facebook page*. Wright presented additional bills for a total to be approved of \$37,118.13 and special board meeting minutes from February 2nd. Hearing no further changes, Roerig brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO ROAD COMM through QWEST BUSINESS SERVICES.
Total to be paid \$37,118.13
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. January 6, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. January 9, 2010 Special Board Meeting
 - iii. February 2, 2010 Special Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. Army Corps of Engineers Annual Civil Works Customer Survey. Roerig presented a letter from ACOE stating they would appreciate any input on their dredging serviced provided in 2009.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion on Liquor Control License Revenue. Wright stated the Michigan State Police are willing to perform the liquor license inspections required to receive the revenue from the State. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to accept the MSP as our law enforcement personnel for the purpose of liquor license inspections.** Roerig stated this is another reason to support the MSP in the township. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Proposed Salary Re-Distribution between Manager & Admin Assistant. Roerig stated Wester requested a full board be present to address this issue. Roerig also noted he would be absent at the March meeting and suggested tabling the agenda item until April. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Knikelbine to table the agenda item until April 7th, 2010.** Carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Proposed Resolution 2010-01 extra voted millage proposition for May election. Hanson stated the township had a general operating millage of 1.07 but that has been rolled back to 0.43 due to the Headlee amendment. He added the township has done more with less millage revenue for years and does not seek to expand the role of government but faces pressure in maintaining its rules, regulations and ordinances. He stated the proposed resolution would ask voters if they would authorize an additional 0.5 mills for two years earmarked for that specific purpose. **Resolution 2010-01 was offered by Wright and supported by Knikelbine.** Roll call vote: Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes, Wright-yes, Hanson, yes. Resolution declared adopted.
- B. Saugatuck Natural Area Management Commission Appointment. Roerig stated the City of Saugatuck is forming a management commission for the newly acquired "South Denison" property located north of the Oval Beach. He added they are asking for a township board member to sit on the commission and offered his service. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Wright to appoint Chris Roerig to the Saugatuck Natural Area Management Commission.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Personnel Policy. Hanson stated he would like to modify the current policy to include a specific performance planning process the Manager goes through with employees. Board discussed the idea and agreed to submit it during a budget workshop.
- D. Facebook Page. Roerig submitted a printout of the City of Holland facebook page and asked if the township might want to consider creating a page. Board agreed to think about the idea and re-visit at a later date.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson reported the site plan for Pine Trail Camp was approved, Helder's sand mining project on 62nd and M89 would not require a re-submission of the plan, and the wind energy ordinance draft is close.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated the Clearbrook Drive culvert has been approved by the DEQ and is scheduled for completion in the spring.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported ridership was down in December and 2 new buses are now in service.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated they have purchased 2 used snowmobiles from the state surplus program to be used for winter emergency access to the Saugatuck Natural Area.
- E. Supervisors Report. Roerig reported for Wester that the board will be holding a special meeting with the Board of Review and our tax tribunal attorney to discuss a possible settlement offer. He stated the date has not yet been determined but notification will be made once a date has been set.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns reported to the board various matters.

Public comment was offered. RJ Peterson verified ownership of the Natural Area is with the Nature Conservancy and they will transfer ownership over a three year period to the City of Saugatuck. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed.

Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Hanson to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date