

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010, 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: Paul Klein addressed the audience and announced he was running for Circuit Court Judge. Margaret Bakker presented literature supporting her run for Circuit Court Judge. Comments in support of expanding the critical dunes boundary were heard from David Swan, Marcia Perry, Jill Wilson, Tracey Shaffroth, Gerrit Sturuss, Dayle Harrison, and Bonnie Greydanus. RJ Peterson asked to delay addressing the critical dunes expansion until negotiations are complete. Larry Dickie asked that the letter from KRPA supporting expanding the critical dunes area be read into record. Hanson read the letter. Hearing no further public comment that portion of the meeting was closed at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions, deletions, or removal of items from the consent agenda. Wright submitted additional bills. Hearing no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ACCIDENT FUND CO. through WESTERN INSURANCE AGENCY
Total to be paid \$40,483.54
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. June 2, 2010 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. June 7, 2010 Special Board Meeting
 - iii. June 16, 2010 Public Hearing and Special Board Meeting
 - iv. June 25, 2010 Special Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. Wester noted the KRPA letter supporting expansion of the critical dunes area previously read into record.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposed Resolution Concerning Critical Dune Extension. Wester stated under attorney recommendation the Board should table this issue indefinitely. Hanson stated he disagreed and the issue should be tabled on a month to month basis. Roerig stated he would like to see a good faith gesture from Saugatuck Dunes LLC as all that has been seen from them so far are lawsuits. Board discussion took place and there was a **motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to table the issue until the August 4th meeting.** Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Board Appointments to Fire Code Board of Appeals. Wright stated the Fire Chief has identified an opening on the Saugatuck Township Fire Code Board of Appeals due to the death of a member. She added the Chief is recommending a re-appointment of current members with the addition of Frank Elliot to replace the deceased Ted Neilsen. **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Hanson to accept the Fire Code Board of Appeals members as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Saugatuck Public Schools, Request to Share Costs. Wright stated the school would like to relocate the Comcast cable equipment necessary for maintaining the Community Access Channel from the Elementary School to the Central Office and is asking the four municipalities, including Laketown Township, to cover the cost. Wester stated this request for money is an insult when they rejected our request for financial assistance in the SDLLC vs. Saugatuck Township tax tribunal lawsuit where they had the most financial benefit. Roerig noted we have three school districts within the township borders and giving money to one would be unfair. Hanson noted we do not utilize the channel and many township residents do not have access to cable service. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to deny the request.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Siegfried Crandall, Annual Audit Proposal. Wright stated long time township auditing firm Siegfried Crandall has submitted a proposal to perform the annual audit for \$9,500, an increase of \$250 over last year. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to accept the Siegfried Crandall proposal for annual audit for a fee not to exceed \$9,500.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Proposed Resolution to Authorize Use of Election Receiving Board. Wright explained what an Election Receiving Board is and how it can be utilized to review election materials after the precinct canvassing procedures are completed. She stated this would be a way to ensure materials are completed accurately and presented Resolution 2010-02. Board discussion took place and there was a **Motion by Knikelbine, seconded by Hanson to adopt Resolution 2010-02 as presented.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson reported on PC actions.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated they are looking at fog sealing a portion of 64th street.
- C. Interurban. Knikelbine reported on Interurban activities.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright reported the Fire District held its public hearing and adopted the budget.
- E. Supervisors Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner Report. Terry Burns distributed information supporting the jail millage proposal for the August election.

Public comment was offered. Comments were heard from Larry Dickie, Tracey Shaffroth, and Dayle Harrison. 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 6:55 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date