

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011, 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, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: Treasurer Pat Knikelbine.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

Public Comment: Public comment was offered and statements were heard from Gerrit Sturrus and Dayle Harrison speaking in opposition of Township participation in a Harbor Authority. State Representative Bob Genetski gave a legislative update from Lansing. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Wright presented additional bills received. Having no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO TREASURER through SMITH HAUGHEY
Total to be paid \$33,032.56
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. January 5, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Statement Review

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

Correspondence:

- A. BS&A Internet Services Hits for 2010. Wright presented the 2010 year end statistics corresponding to the internet services usage through the township website for tax and assessing information look up. She stated there were 8,308 hits for property assessment information; 5,848 hits for tax information; and 448 hits for special assessment taxes.
- B. Building Inspector 2010 Permit Summary. Wright presented the 2010 year end statistics from Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Al Ellingsen that detailed the 68 permits issued.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposed Buy-Out of Cell Tower Lease, Revised Purchase Price. Manager Quade stated we now have 2 matching proposals, each listing net revenue of \$147,500 for the township. Discussion took place regarding a clause in the lease text that details the owner's responsibility for tower demolition prior to abandonment. Wright noted the prior month's action approved accepting the lease buy-out for a lesser amount contingent upon legal review, and new action should be taken. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wright to accept the American Tower**

offer and authorize the execution of the lease buy-out contract for \$147,500 contingent upon contract review and approval by legal council. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Wester voting in opposition.

New Business:

- A. Zoning Approval Request for Used Vehicle Dealer. Tim Bindon owner of Star Blue Motorcars LLC was present to answer questions from the board. Bindon stated the dealership will be located in the old Unwin's Auto Repair building on Blue Star Highway. He added the used cars will be almost classic cars and located only on paved parking areas or inside the building. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to give municipality approval for a Class B – Used Vehicle Dealership to Star Blue Motorcars LLC.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Cemetery Millage Renewal Proposal. Wright stated the cemetery maintenance millage expired on 12/31/10 and if the board would like to ask voters to renew the 5 year millage the language needs to be adopted before submitting to the County. Discussion took place as to which election would be best for placing the millage proposition on the ballot and it was decided to include the proposition for the May 3rd election. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wester to adopt the ballot language for a renewal of cemetery millage proposition as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson stated they held a public hearing on wind turbines and are investigating zoning boundary changes to follow parcel boundaries. He also stated they are in the 5 year review of the tri-community master plan. Hanson noted Douglas Planning Commission Chair Chris Nern recently passed away and Hanson extended his condolences to Nern's partner and family. He added Nern will be missed as he was somebody who came here, did public service, and was an admirable man.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig stated he attended Bill Nelson's retirement luncheon and Larry Brown will be taking over as Director.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisor's Report. Wester stated he was asked by Dana Magida to adopt a township bounty on coyotes. He declared it is his opinion this is not a township issue and is better handled by DNRE or the County. Board agreed animal control is not a function of the township.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. No report.

Public comment was offered at 7:03 p.m. and comments were received until 7:15 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date