

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 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 Excused: Treasurer Pat Knikelbine.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

Public Comment: Public comment was offered and statements were heard from Jim Schmeichen, James Cook, Susan Dixon, Charles Glane, David Swan, Dayle Harrison, and MaryAnn Glane. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed at 6:14 p.m.

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

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. PAM AALDERINK through WE THE PEOPLE FLAG CO
Total to be paid \$16,629.47
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. March 2, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. March 30, 2011 Special Board Meeting

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

Correspondence:

- A. Tri-Community Joint Planning Committee – Request for ZA determination of old Marathon sign. Wright reported the history of the nonconforming structure and stated the Zoning Administrator has asked the owner to take the structure down but has no authority to force the removal. Wester suggested an independent party might be interested in demolishing the structure for the salvage value of the metal. Board discussion took place and Wester agreed to follow up on the idea.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Proposed contract for cemetery maintenance with GMS. Wester stated GMS came in 2nd during the bid proposal reviews last year and would be available to take over maintenance duties from Sessions Lawn Care who has asked not to renew their contract. GMS Owner Mike Woodke was present and voiced his interest in the contract and how they would be able to comply with the terms. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to accept the cemetery**

maintenance contract with Grounds Maintenance Systems as presented. Carried unanimously.

- B. Randy Brink request for on-premises license for small wine maker approval. Wright reported the property is the old Valleau brass factory on 63rd Street and Brink would be remodeling a portion of the building to house a new wine making facility. She added this would be an allowable use in the industrial zone and therefore would not require planning commission review. **Motion by Wright, supported by Hanson to adopt the Michigan Liquor Control Commission's resolution allowing a new Small Wine Maker license to be located at 3516 63rd Street.** Discussion took place and there was a roll call vote: Hanson-yea, Wester-nay, Wright-yea, Roerig-yea. Resolution declared adopted.
- C. Manager Quade review of Tri-Community government consolidation reports. Quade presented his written review and questions presented to the Tri-Community government consolidation committee. Hanson stated these are exactly the questions that need to be addressed for township residents. Discussion took place and it was agreed this information should be posted on the township website.
- D. Road work order for 2011 dust control. Roerig presented the annual dust control work order for the remaining 5 gravel roads. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to approve the 2011 dust control work order as presented.** Quade noted the budget for dust control is down to only \$2,000 per year due to many gravel roads getting paved. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Road work order for 2011 chip seal and fog coating. Roerig stated we have tried this chip seal and fog coating method on some roads and it seems to hold up fairly well for roads that need repairs but not to the point of a new asphalt mat. He recommended 6 sections of roads totaling 4.4 miles for the repair procedure. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to approve the 2011 chip seal and fog coat work order as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson stated they held a public hearing for a proposed golf course submitted by Joe Migas and the final site plan was approved. He noted discussions are ongoing for a proposed Wind Energy Turbine ordinance.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig reported a couple of paving projects are set to start soon.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated the department is actively seeking a replacement for Greg Janik. She added this will be a full time position responsible for inspecting structures for fire safety as well as a firefighter/first responder.
- E. Supervisor's Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Burns reported on the proposed redistricting of the county based on the new census. He stated the current districts allow for 11 commissioners and there is an opportunity to reduce that number to 9, 7, or 5. He recommended going to 7 and suggested the board propose that number to the redistricting board. Burns also reported on his activity at the Michigan Association of Counties.

Public comment was offered at 6:55 p.m. and comments were received until 7:20 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.