

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 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, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig, and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Phil Quade.

Wester opened the public hearing for the purpose of 2011/2012 budget review and read the notice from the paper. Wester asked for public comment on the proposed budget. R.J. Peterson asked if the planning/legal millage is included in the budget and was told yes. Hearing no further comments Wester closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Public Comment: Public comment was offered and statements were heard from R.J. Peterson, Tammy Jacobi, Ron Clark, Sandra Randolph, Ralph Huston, Chris Rafael, Larry Darwin, Andrew Leach, Bernice Brougham, Ron Johnson, Rob Lonzo, Dana Magida, Jerrod Rankus, and David Jureson. Hearing no further comments, public comment was closed at 6:39 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. ALLEGAN CO CLERK through SMITH HAUGHEY RICE & ROEGGE
Total to be paid \$32,916.14
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. May 4, 2011 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. May 11, 2011 Special Board Meeting

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

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. 2010/2011 Budget Amendments. Wright stated it is necessary to amend the current year budget and presented budget amendments based upon Manager Phil Quade's best estimates.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Hanson that the 2011 Appropriations Act be amended as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Review and Adopt 2011/2012 Budget. Wright stated the Board held a budget workshop and several concerns were incorporated into the proposed budget. Roerig noted the elected official portion of the Clerk and Treasurer salaries are being reduced and can not be done without written approval of the elected officials. Quade agreed to prepare written statements and board agreed to hold a special meeting to adopt the budget after receipt and review of the statements. **Motion by Wright, seconded by Wester to table the 2011/2012 budget adoption to a special meeting later in June.** Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Review and Adopt 2011/2012 Fire District Budget. Wright introduced Eric Beckman as the Township Fire Representative and asked him to present the budget. Beckman reviewed the proposed budget, highlighted several important facts, and concluded with the property tax millage used to support the budget will remain the same as current year at 1.16 mills. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wester to approve the 2011/2012 Fire District Budget as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Commission Term Expirations/Appointments. Wester stated one Zoning Board of Appeal term and two Planning Commissioner terms are expiring at the end of the month. Board discussed placing an advertisement for interested individuals and agreed to address the appointments at the July meeting.
- E. Appointment to Parks Commission. Roerig verified the Parks Commission met and voted to recommend Jim Searing to the Park Commission vacancy. **Motion by Roerig seconded by Hanson to appoint Jim Searing to the vacant Park Commission seat.** Carried unanimously.
- F. Resolution for Poverty/Hardship Exemption. Wester presented Resolution 2011-04 that would set the 2011 Poverty/Hardship Exemption annual allowable income levels to the 2011 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Roerig verified this is an annual resolution the Assessor requires. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Knikelbine to adopt Resolution 2011-04 as presented.** Roll call vote: Hanson-yes, Wright-yes, Knikelbine-yes, Roerig-yes, Wester-yes. Resolution declared adopted.
- G. Resolution to Impose a Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Hanson stated the township is not involved in deciding whether the voters of the State did or did not make a good decision in legalizing medical marijuana, only to amend the zoning to specifically address the use. He added the resolution only instills a moratorium on new uses until the Planning Commission can address the issue. Board discussion took place. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to adopt the resolution as presented.** Additional discussion took place and concern was raised the resolution would conflict with existing businesses. Slight language modification was suggested to exclude currently licensed dispensaries from the moratorium. Roerig withdrew his motion and Hanson withdrew his second. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to adopt the resolution as amended.** Roll call vote: Wester-yes, Roerig-yes, Wright-yes, Hanson-yes, Knikelbine-yes. Resolution declared adopted.
- H. Resolution to Adopt MERS Benefit Program H. Quade stated the resolution reflects the board's desire to eliminate the current "defined benefit" retirement program from future newly hired employees and to offer only a "hybrid plan with a defined contribution component" retirement program to them instead. Board discussion took place and it was noted this action follows best practice standards for government going forward. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to adopt the MERS Benefit Program H Resolution and authorize the Clerk to sign the Adoption Agreement as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Wright stated things are running smoothly and the department and the Board intends to fill the Chief's position by the end of the month.
- E. Supervisor's Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Burns spoke on current county matters.

Public comment was offered at 7:20 p.m. and comments were received until 7:30 p.m.

Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jane Wright, CMC; Township Clerk

Date