

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012, 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, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent Excused: Clerk Jane Wright and Trustee Chris Roerig.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda. Wester asked to add under *Correspondence, Item C. Clearbrook, Jim Jeltema, Item D. Amtrak, Fennville, Item E. Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate appointment.* Wester stated there were questions on monies that are distributed for a water main, so now the board wants to put a policy in place so the homeowners are liable for paying up front. Hearing no further comments, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLIED WASTE SERVICES through TRIANGLE EXCAVATORS
Total to be paid \$179,742.62
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. February 1, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. February 14, 2012 Special Board Meeting

Motion by Wester seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda as amended. Carried 3 to 0.

Correspondence:

- A. Allegan County Curbside Recycling Timeline. Knikelbine stated she would contact Ben Williams to see if he would attend the April meeting to discuss going out for bid for the next curbside recycling contract.
- B. Saugatuck/Douglas District Library and Consolidation. The Saugatuck/Douglas Library Board of Trustees submitted a letter stating that they are concerned about the proposed consolidation of the three local governmental units proposed by the Consolidated Government Committee. The library would no longer be able to function under the District Library Establishment Act.
- C. Clearbrook Golf Club. Mr. Jeltema is requesting a letter from the board that acknowledge's the existence of the permit that is being filed by Mr. Jeltema. Mr. Jeltema stated that if he includes this letter in his packet to the MDNRE it saves them time because they would ask the township if they are aware of the permit being filed. **Motion by Wester seconded by Knikelbine to adopt the letter as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- D. Amtrak stop at Fennville. Hanson stated that other governments are in support as well as civil organizations. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wester to adopt the letter as presented in support of the Amtrak stopping at Fennville.** Carried unanimously.
- E. Zoning Board of Appeals, Alternate position. Eight applications were submitted. Effective at the next April Board meeting Wester will be resigning his position as the other alternate for the ZBA and the board will appoint a new alternate for the ZBA. **Motion by Wester, seconded by Hanson to appoint Andrew Leach to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate.** Roll call vote: Knikelbine-yes, Wester-yes, Hanson-yes.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Proposed Road Work Order for 2012 Mowing. Additional mowing at township expense. Additional mowing will not start until after September 1. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wester to approve the 2012 work order for an additional mowing as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Proposed Road Work Order for 2012 Dust Control. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wester to approve the 2012 work order for dust control as presented.** Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson stated the Planning Commission did not meet.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. No report.
- E. Supervisor's Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Terry Burns was not present.

Public Comment:

- A. Steve McKown- submitted a letter regarding the federal lawsuit explaining that the public should be involved. He recommends the board handing it over to the Planning Commission with township board instructions and considers R-4 going back to what it was before.
- B. Letters submitted in support of Steve McKown's letter were: Calvin Kempker, Julianne Fletcher, Kathryn Birky, Donna Leonard, Fritz Royce and Cindy Meadows.
- C. Janet Rund, representing David Swan, read his letter to the board. Janet also expressed her support for the board and felt the settlement should be opened to the public.
- D. Liz Engel – requesting the township board to hand the settlement over to the Planning Commission. She also handed out to the board a CD from the Land Conservancy meeting regarding comments from the public.
- E. Dayle Harrison- recommends the public be included in the settlement process.
- F. James Cook, Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society- read a statement that the Historical Society has been asked to become involved in pressing for a resolution to the lawsuits filed by Singapore Dunes LLC against the Saugatuck Township regarding zoning. James also spoke on his behalf that there should be public interest and that the Planning Commission should be involved.
- G. Joe Milauckas-regards to going back prior to R-4 zoning and if so will there be ongoing litigation. Suggest getting a 3rd opinion.
- H. Jim Hanson read Dr. Michael Condron and Patricia Denner's letter requesting the township board turn to a public process in resolving the settlement with Singapore Dunes LLC and allow community participation, with the Planning Commission and the general public involved in this process.
- I. Additional Public Comment- Comments were heard from Fritz Royce, Julianne Fletcher, Donna Leonard, Steve Darpel, Vaune Ploger, Roy McIlwaine, Marlene Leo, Cindy Meadows & Marsha Perry.

Hearing no further public comment **Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.