

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 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, Clerk Jane Wright, Treasurer Pat Knikelbine, Trustee Chris Roerig and Trustee Jim Hanson.

Members Absent: None.

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

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. BELDEN BRICK through SOMETHING DIFFERENT SIGNS
Total to be paid \$10,606.99
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 11, 2012 Regular Board Meeting
- D. Quarterly Financial Statements

Motion by Roerig seconded by Knikelbine to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence:

- A. Michelle Maicki, Blue Star Road Kill. Wester reported he has informed her a couple of times that the County Road Commission is responsible for picking up road kill. Hanson stated they don't do anything when you call. Wright stated occasionally we have paid to pick up a dead deer but it is costly. Wester felt it is a cost cutting issue with the County. Discussion took place and Wester agreed to look into the matter further and get back with Maicki.
- B. STFD Chair Bill Kaye, Bookkeeping Responsibilities. Wright stated because the Township failed to pass the restated rules last month Kaye has written the memo which points out the original rules directs responsibility for receiving and distributing STFD monies to the Township and does not require any financial support to do so, therefore they are withdrawing all financial reimbursement to perform the tasks. Wright noted after the restated rules are approved they will assume those duties themselves. Hanson stated he thought as some point the Fire Board would have had a conversation with us to discuss some issues. Wright said she thinks the Fire Board was expecting us to go to their meeting to discuss any issues. Wester stated if time allows why not attend a fire meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Discussion of Possible Insurance Lawsuit to Recover Funds. Wester stated there has been no further communication from our attorney regarding this issue and we should continue to table the agenda item. Hanson stated we should be looking at different levels of insurance to ensure we are properly covered and asked to have Manager Phil Quade do so.

- B. STFD Proposed Restated Rules & Bylaws. Hanson stated his objection is simply on the six year terms for Fire Board Members and suggested changing the restated rules to three year terms and approving them. Roerig agreed that three year terms would allow for a Township Board to have an opportunity to appoint their own chosen individual whereas with the current six year term they would not be able to. Wester stated he had a meeting with the two city managers where they discussed the term lengths as well as increasing the number of representatives and they were in total agreement with our issues and were going to go back to their city councils with Saugatuck City Manager Kirk Harrier wanting to inform STFD Chair Bill Kaye of the desire to incorporate both changes into the restated rules and then Kaye's memo was received so Wester said he didn't understand. Hanson stated he is thinking about one change but we are talking about two changes now. Board reviewed the restated rules and discussion took place. Wright asked to go forward in a diplomatic matter and contact the two cities to continue the discussion. Wester stated we should not modify the restated rules at this point but contact the two city managers to continue the process. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Knikelbine to table the agenda item to the next meeting and ask the Supervisor and other interested board members to meet with the two cities on the issue with the idea of modifying paragraph A1.** Motion carried 5 to 0.

New Business: None.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Hanson reported meeting and discussing the Marathon sign and election of new officers. Hanson added Maggie Conklin has now been appointed as the new PC Chair and suggested the board appoint her to the Joint Planning Committee as traditionally the chair is on that committee. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Wright to appoint Maggie Conklin as a representative on the Joint Planning Committee.** Carried 5 to 0.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Fire Authority. Training on bookkeeping responsibilities is being done with Lori Nash of STFD.
- E. Supervisor's Report. No report.
- F. County Commissioner's Report. Working on preparing the annual budget which is now at 29 million.

Public Comment: Wester opened the meeting to public comment and comments heard from John Brush and Gale Dugan, both candidates for County Drain Commissioner. Comments were also heard from Jon Helmrich, candidate for Township Supervisor. Hearing no further public comment **Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Jane Wright, Clerk

Date