

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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.

Public Comment:

- A. Julie Cowie, candidate for County Clerk spoke of her intended improvements for the position and asked for the public's support.

Hearing no further public comment that portion of the meeting was closed.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda. Hanson requested to add under *Unfinished Business, Item B. Insurance Discussion* and under *New Business, Item B. Employee Transition*. Hearing no further changes, Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. ALLEGAN CO CLERK through WEST MI LASER
Total to be paid \$29,450.50
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Approval of Minutes
 - i. September 5, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Motion by Roerig seconded by Wester to approve the agenda as amended. Carried 5 to 0.

Correspondence:

- A. Interurban, Appointment to Board. Director Cherie Giller wrote that Pat Knikelbine's term on the board expired 9/30/11. Knikelbine stated she will be stepping down from the Interurban Board. Discussion took place regarding the appointment of Knikelbine's replacement as Treasurer. Wester stated he would be interested in the appointment himself. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Wright to appoint Lori Babinski to the Interurban Board.** Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- A. STFD Proposed Restated Rules & Bylaws. Wester stated he will contact the two City Mayors to discuss the amended restated rules and report back to the Board.
- B. Insurance Discussion. Hanson inquired as to the progress the attorney has made in reviewing the Township's position to bring suit against the insurance carrier for limiting its coverage to \$100,000. It was noted the attorney has received a large box of insurance policies that were in effect over the period of time and discussion took place regarding how much we should spend to have him review it. **Motion**

by Hanson, seconded by Roerig to direct the Supervisor, acting as legal agent of the township, to request an answer to the question: do we have the basis to pursue a lawsuit, as long as the cost to receive that answer does not exceed \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- A. Allegan Co Health Department, Street Name Corrections. Board reviewed a memo from Aaron Sheridan that identified a list of addresses along 130th Ave/Wiley Road/Riverside Road and Blue Star Hwy that are inconsistent and have caused confusion in the public record. The memo stated if the Board gives a request to the health department they will correct the street names and provide written notice to affected property owners. Board discussion took place with Roerig and Hanson wanting to ensure owners would not be adversely affected. Sheridan was in the audience and responded to the concerns. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Roerig to request the Allegan Co Health Department proceed with the proposed street name corrections.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Employee Transition. Hanson referred to a memo from Manager Phil Quade which detailed the planned transition for the Clerk and Treasurer, and included training time for the new incoming Clerk. Hanson stated the plan would involve overlapping salaries and noted only the Board can approve salaries. **Motion by Roerig, seconded by Hanson to restate that salaries for individuals and appointed positions are to be approved by the Township Board.** Board discussion took place and it was understood the training time salary for the new Clerk will be an agenda item at the next meeting and employment would not begin unless it is approved. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No report.
- B. Road Commission. Roerig gave a progress report on the 128th paving project and 64th reconstruction.
- C. Interurban. No report.
- D. Supervisor's Report. Wester reported receiving a request from SDLLC to have PC member Dayle Harrison recuse himself from voting on the development plan.
- E. County Commissioner's Report. Burns reported on various matters.

Public Comment: Wester opened the meeting to public comment. Ed Wedge, candidate for Sheriff and current Constable stated his platform which promotes more road patrol with less command officers. Hearing no further comments, **Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Jane Wright, Clerk

Date