

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013 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 Brad Rudich, Treasurer Lori Babinski, and Trustee Roy McIlwaine.

Members Absent: Trustee Jonathan Phillips, excused.

Public Comment: Wester opened public comment. Larry Dickie, Old Allegan Rd., commented on fracking concerns including correspondence to be presented to the Planning Commission. Jon Helmrich of 64th St., questioned a possible conflict of interest with Bill Rowe on planning commission and ZBA.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda. Wester requested under correspondence to add the City of Saugatuck annexation. Wester brought the consent agenda to the floor for approval.

- A. Accounts Payable,
 - i. ALLEGAN COUNTY TREASURER through THE KERNS GROUP.
Total to be paid \$14,335.98
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(Check register attached)
- B. Payroll (check register attached)
- C. Bills by Fund
- D. Quarterly Revenue and Expenditures
- E. Approval of Minutes,
 - i. April 3, 2013, Regular Board Meeting.
 - ii. April 11, 2013, Special Meeting.
 - iii. April 16, 2013, Special Meeting.

Motion by Wester was seconded by Babinski to approve the agenda as amended. Carried 4 to 0.

Correspondence:

- A. Friends of the Blue Star Trail. Jeanne Van Zoeren gave a presentation on a proposed bicycle trail on Blue Star Highway from South Haven that would connect to the Saugatuck Township non-motorized trail and go on to Holland. Van Zoeren asked that the township contract with an engineering firm to conduct a preliminary engineering and financial study for the township's portion of the trail. Cost would be approximately \$2000 for the study.
- B. City of Saugatuck Advertising request.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None

New Business:

- A. Township Health Care renewal discussion. Wester commented that he had a lower quote from Blue Cross/Blue Shield than what was presented. Manager Aaron Sheridan responded that the lower quote would not include Medicare enrollees, and that the current plan had a 5% increase in premium, which was lower than expected. McIlwaine commented that the comparison was not for similar plans. Rudich stated that the other plans were quoted, but were insufficient for township needs. Manager Sheridan stated that the budget that will be presented has additional savings. Manager Sheridan stated that the State MCL 15.563 has a hard cap for health care spending that a local unit of government may exempt itself from by approving with a two-thirds vote. McIlwaine made the motion to renew the current plan, second by Rudich. Motion passed 3-1.
- B. Road Millage renewal resolution. Manager Sheridan explained that the resolution was to approve the Road Millage renewal language to be voted upon at the August 6, 2013 Election. Roll call vote, Babinski, Wester, McIlwaine and Rudich all vote yes.
- C. Appointment to the KLSWA and Parks Commission. Discussion on postponing KLSWA pick until it is determined that a non-resident can serve on the board. Manager Sheridan was the only applicant. Wester made the motion to appoint Amy Beckman to Parks Commission, second by Babinski. No discussion, motion passed 4-0.
- D. 2013-2014 Saugatuck Township Fire District budget discussion. Wester questioned health care expenses for the Fire Department. Rudich explained that the STFD board had voted to increase the Fire District millage to 1.30 mills, which is up .14 mills. Wester questioned what expenses were being budgeted. Rudich explained that several large expenses were neglected in the past including drug testing, physicals, turnout gear and equipment. McIlwaine questioned who approves the millage. Rudich explained that the boards of the 3 municipalities all must pass the millage request, if that does not happen there will be a workshop that will include the Fire Board and the 3 municipalities. Motion to approve the STFD millage increase and 2013-2014 budget made by Wester, second by McIlwaine. No further discussion, motion passed 4-0.
- E. Audit bid. Rudich received 4 audit bids. Discussion on retaining individual bids. Motion to approve Seigfried, Crandall for a 3 year period, made by Rudich, second by Babinski. Motion passed 4-0.
- F. Township board minutes. Discussion on taking minutes for board meetings. An ad will be placed for someone to take minutes at \$50 per meeting.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No meeting in April. Next meeting on the 20th of May.
- B. Road Commission. No report.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported. Shuttle will run this summer, Tarue Pullen is retiring.
- D. Fire Board. Rudich reported they worked on the budget.
- E. Harbor Authority Liaison. Jon Helmrich reported that he was coming up to speed.
- F. Supervisor's Report. No report.
- G. Recycling. Rudich stated County recycling coordinator Ben Williams asked that the Township mention a household hazardous waste and appliance recycling event in Wayland.

Manager Sheridan questioned if our Harbor Authority Liaison should get a stipend. Board will discuss at June meeting.

Public Comment: Wester opened the meeting to public comment. Hearing no further comments, **Wester stated having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned.** Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk

Date