

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2013, 6:00p.m.
KALAMAZOO LAKE SEWER WATER AUTHORITY, 6449 OLD ALLEGAN RD, SAUGATUCK, MI 49453
MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Bill Wester, Clerk Brad Rudich, Treasure Lori Babinski, Trustee Jonathan Phillips and Trustee Roy McIlwaine

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Acting Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

Public Comment: Wester opened to public comment.

- Jim Bruinsma who represents the Singapore Dunes let the board and public know he was present at the meeting acting as a resource to answer any questions about the process with the DEQ.
- Jon Helmrich reminded everyone of some dates for upcoming fracking information meetings. There will be a presentation showing both sides to fracking on Thursday, October 17th @ 7pm @ the SCA – Free to attend. There is also a showing of “Gasland 2” on Saturday, October 19th also at 7pm @ the SCA – Free to attend

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. Al Ellingsen through Scholten & Fant PC
Total to be paid \$197,619.31
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited (check register attached)
- B. Bills by Fund
- C. Payroll (Check register attached)
- D. Approval of Minutes – September 4th, 2013 Board Meeting

Wester motioned to accept consent agenda as presented, Phillips second. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence

- A. Jan Goswick from Allegan County Central Dispatch
Jan made a presentation on the operations and funding for Central Dispatch. Informational packet is available with minutes upon request.
- B. Sandra Rausch resignation from Planning Commission

Unfinished Business

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission to 5 members.
Wester motioned to table this unfinished business until immediately after joint meeting (Scheduled Nov. 6th). Babinski second. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business

- A. South Maple construction agreement update
The street will be reconstructed and built in a manner where the wash out should not happen again. Sheridan let the board know Bultje has reviewed and approved the agreement. Wester motioned to adopt the South Maple Street Construction Agreement, McIlwaine second. Roll call vote: Phillips - yes,

Wester - yes, Babinski - yes, Rudich - yes, Mcllwaine- yes. Motion to approve the construction agreement passes 5-0.

B. Allegan Co. Road Commission Bid

Regarding the 127th and 63rd street reconstruction to prevent the flooding that happened last year.

Township board has recommended acceptance of the lowest bid and approves Rudich to pay the bills once they come in. Rudich moves to accept the bid of \$92,466.50 as well as \$82,832.00 totaling \$175,299.50.

Wester supports. Phillips wants to make sure we didn't pay to pave this road twice, since we will be re-paving in the spring. Phillips suggested we leave it as gravel if possible, until paving in the spring, or get a break on price in the spring and skip re-paving this area. Sheridan will call and see if this expense can be removed.

Roll Call Vote: Roll call vote: Phillips - yes, Wester - yes, Babinski - yes, Rudich - yes, Mcllwaine- yes.

C. Al Ellingsen job transition update

Board has discussed options in regards to how the Zoning Administration job will be transitioned as Ellingsen prepares to retire. Board will reexamine Ellingsen compensation and adjust accordingly. Board may schedule a special meeting to discuss further.

D. MDEQ Singapore Dunes road request

Township officially has no comment on this matter. Phillips motioned that there is officially no comment on this matter. Mcllwaine second. Motion passes 5-0 to instruct Mr. Wester to contact MDEQ.

E. Parks Plan – Non Motorized Trail

No action taken at this time by the board.

F. January Meeting Date

Because January 1st, 2014 is a holiday, the Township Board meeting will be moved to Wednesday, January 8th. Wester motioned to pass the meeting date changed, Phillips second. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission. No meeting

B. Road Commission. No update.

C. Interurban. Sherry is retiring in January (2014), there has been a committee formed to find a replacement.

D. Fire Board. They have sold a pumper tanker truck. There was discussion and passed a motion to charge a \$30/fee for the cities of Saugatuck and Douglas for seasonal rental inspection by the fire department, it will be a 3-year contract. This does not include the Township. Mcllwaine will find out why Township was not included and follow up with board in the next meeting. Fire Department Open House is scheduled for October 6th. The restroom upstairs is being renovated at no cost due to volunteer labor and materials. The Fire Board also approved an expenditure of \$1250 for Fire Prevention Materials for Pre-K thru Second grade kids to teach them fire safety. The Next meeting is held in Saugatuck City Hall on the third Monday of the month.

E. Harbor Authority Liaison.

Dayle Harrison has offered his property as an alternative site for dredging waste which would be closer and cheaper than the Water & Sewer authority. Long term planning committee presented a four-phase proposal for Baird & Assoc. to study and analyze various options for harbors future. Full report available upon request.

F. Supervisors Report. None

G. County Commissioner Dean Kapinga. 5 year operational and 10 year capitol budget is in its final stage. Put in a grant for a Michigan Veterans Treatment Court, who takes veterans who are in jail who have been thru war and trying to help them. Reviewed reports from prosecutors office – 862 felonies, 98 Breaking & Entering, 117 Criminal Sexual Conduct complaints (largest jump in 5 years), 54 meth labs, 696 Domestic Violence, 459 Drunk Driving. Dept of Human Services numbers – Family Cash assistance 624

recipients, totally \$81,000; Food stamps assist 14,615 people totaling \$1.8 million; child day care 339 people for \$80,000, state emergency relief 161 cases for \$15,000. 19,000 people involved in Medicaid.

Public Comment

Wester opened the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Wester stated after having no further business to come before the board we stand adjourned. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.

Bradley Rudich
Clerk
Secretary

Elizabeth "Birdie" Holley, Recording