

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 6th, 2013, 6:00p.m.
3461 Blue Star Highway, Saugatuck, MI 49453

MINUTES

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

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

Members Absent: Treasure Lori Babinski

Also Present: Acting Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

Public Comment: Wester opened to public comment.

None

Approval of Agenda:

Wester asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda, or changes to the consent agenda.

Rudich added 8E – PC Selection Date for new member to start in January 2014

McIlwaine motioned to accept consent agenda as amended, Phillips second. Motion passes 4-0.

- A. Accounts Payable
 - i. Al Ellingsen through
Total to be paid \$8,105.71
 - ii. Checks issued to be post-audited
(check register attached)
- B. Bills by Fund – see invoice to be post-audited
- C. Payroll (Check register attached)
- D. Approval of Minutes –
 - September 24th, 2013 Special Meeting
 - October 2, 2013 Regular Meeting

Correspondence

None

Unfinished Business

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission to 5 members.

This is pending the joint meeting which happens directly after this meeting.

- B. Al Ellingsen Job Transition

Wester motioned to table this until Ellingsen can attend the meeting and the full board is present.

Phillips second. Motion passes 4-0

- C. Maple Street Road Repairs Update

Storm sewer, sanitary, and hydrants have been installed (hydrants not in service yet). Should have asphalt base installed by the end of the month. Sheridan also mentioned there may be a need for a retaining wall or another option at entrance of street. That will be addressed at a later time. Project is running on schedule.

New Business

- A. Season Rentals – Fire Chief Greg Janik

The Township is looking to somewhat mirror the current ordinances that the City of Saugatuck and Douglas have in place in regards to inspections for seasonal rentals (Note: This does not pertain to yearly rentals). The Fire Dept would inspect the rentals every 3 years looking for problems such as grills to close to homes, furnaces placed near auto parking spots, basement rentals with no windows, lack of smoke detectors or fire extinguishers, no addresses posted on property, etc. Chief Janik spoke to the board to let them know how the two cities current ordinances work. The township board is going to adapt their ordinance to fit Township needs. Wester has accepted the idea of putting together an official ordinance. Phillips second. Motion passes 4-0.

New Business (cont)

B. Hardship Resolution

Wester motioned to accept hardship resolution, Rudich second. Motion passes 4-0.

C. Parks Plan Update

No action needed

D. Credit Card Receipting

Credit cards can now be accepted online at the township website, or in person at the township office.

Wester complimented Rudich, Sheridan and Babinski on their hard work in getting this accomplished.

E. PC Selection Date for new member to start in January 2014

This has been placed on the December 4th agenda to choose the next member of the planning commission, who will replace the retiring Sandra Rausch.

Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission. Met twice last month. First meeting was a sketch review of proposed PUD with Singapore Dunes; the PC provided feedback with ideas and modifications. The second meeting of the month focused on ordinance changes to signs and road ends. The next meeting involves a scheduled public hearing on these two adopted ordinances.

B. Road Commission. 63rd street is half way done. The entire road from M-89 to Riverside is to be completed. It was suggested by Wester to put up a guard rail near the spots where there is a significant drop from road to land on the side of the street. (Example: By 127th intersection)

C. Interurban. No Report.

D. Fire Board. Worked out a revised aid agreement with Fennville where if a call is given a priority 3, until the Fennville departments calls for help the Fire Dept will not assist. Holland Fire Department rented their smokehouse for training children how to escape a smoky/burning building. Holland gave it to the Township Fire department for \$100 to use for 5 days. While the weather was not great, the open house brought in approximately 280-300 people and made \$1000 profit towards the Fire Department.

E. Harbor Authority Report. The public comment period with ACE expired and DNR received no negative comments relative to application for harbor wide dredging. There is no need for a public hearing. A meeting has been set with Wester to discuss issues of piping dredged waste through the township to Water and Sewer Facility.

F. Supervisors Report. Wester plans on changing how he has done these in the past, no current report.

G. County Commissioner Dean Kapinga. Working on filling boards for Allegan County, contact him for detailed list of different boards. County just finished 5 year general and 15 year capital budget. Judge Baillargeon has received two state grants to separate court systems for veterans and people with mental health issues.

Public Comment. Wester opened the meeting to public comment.

Larry Dickie – mentioned that the fan in the township hall, when running, makes it difficult to hear what board is saying.

Dayle Harrison – brought up harbor issues and his concerns with dredging. Feels it's important to figure out if K-Lake will be temporary or final site for dumping and who will be covering these costs.

Cindy Gamrat (R) - running for state representative, introduced herself, and stated her campaign is based on Faith, Family & Freedom.

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

Elizabeth "Birdie" Holley, Recording Secretary