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Wednesday January 6, 2016, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

APPROVED MINUTES

Supervisor Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Bill Wester, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Roy McIlwaine, Jonathan Phillips.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Wester asked for changes to the agenda. None. Phillips made the motion to approve the agenda, Wester supported. Motion passes 5-0.

Consent Agenda: Wester asked for questions regarding the consent agenda. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Phillips supported. Consent Agenda passes 5-0.

Correspondence: Steve Kushion, Fracking. Zoning Administrator Kushion spoke on possible Ordinances to restrict Fracking in the Township. Kushion stated that the Township had already changed Oil and Gas drilling to be a Special Approval Use in all zones in the Township. Kushion said he would be meeting with the Fracking committee in the next month, to explore other options.

Kushion spoke on a Dangerous Building on 63rd Street. Kushion explained there were multiple zoning violations, including an open building, junk and tires, 50 gallon barrels and inoperable vehicles. Wester asked how Kushion was notified of the issues. Kushion had received complaints. Sheridan added there was also concern for well head protection.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Tri-Community Master Plan agreement. Kushion stated that notices were sent out to neighboring municipalities and the Tri-Community was waiting for the statutory evaluation period before the next step is taken. Kushion stated the time frame for completion was April. No action taken.

New Business:

- A. Short Term Rental Ordinance. Kushion stated that a committee had met several times, and that the Ordinance places a process to weed out bad rentals. Kushion stated there was a correction on page 2, housesitting with or without remuneration. Kushion stated that rental agencies, homeowners and the

Fire Department gave input. McIlwaine asked what the Fire Chief thought. Chief Janik stated his appreciation for the safety issues that were addressed. Janik stated that the Ordinance address the number of occupants and parking. Kushion added that there is a soft cap of 12 people, but larger homes could be permitted to house more people. Wester questioned if the community would be a rental community instead of bedroom community. Janik stated that was an important reason to have the rental Ordinance. Kushion explained that rental agencies would make it clear to renters there would be consequences to bad behavior. Resident Kathleen Cook added that Homeowners Associations could help control rental property. McIlwaine added correspondence from Dr. Stephen Chase. Rudich made the motion, with suggested change on page two, to pass the Amended Rental Ordinance. McIlwaine, Rudich, Wester, Babinski, Phillips, McIlwaine; all vote yes. Ordinance passes 5-0.

- B. Fee Resolution. Sheridan stated that all the fees in the Township must be listed in the fee schedule. This Resolution would add the new Rental Ordinance fee of \$250.00 to the schedule. Wester made the motion to adopt the Resolution to change the Consolidated Fee Schedule, Phillips seconded. McIlwaine, Phillips, Babinski, Wester, Rudich; all vote yes. Resolution passes 5-0.
- C. Debt Service Fee Resolution. Sheridan explained this fee is a monthly fee the Township charges Township residents through K.L.S.W.A. The fee pays for bonds and capital improvements. The fee is currently \$7.50 per Residential Equivalency Unit, and would be increased to \$8.00 per R.E.U. The fee has never been adjusted in 16 years. Babinski asked if the Cities of Saugatuck and Douglas pay this fee. Sheridan stated the Cities do not have this fee, they pay their bonds differently than the Township. McIlwaine asked how much more money this would bring in for the year. Rudich made the motion increase the Debt Service Fee to \$8.00 per R.E.U., McIlwaine supported. Roll call vote: Phillips, Babinski, Wester, Rudich, McIlwaine; all vote yes. Resolution passes 5-0.
- D. Work Order for 63rd Street fog and chip seal. Sheridan stated this would be work to be done between 136th and Old Allegan Rd. This treatment would seal holes and add stone. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the work order for 63rd Street, second by Phillips. No discussion, motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. No meeting.
- B. Road Committee. No report.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that MDOT has reached out to MSU interns to conduct an onboard survey this year.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that the Fire Department Audit went well. EMS calls were 60% of all calls. Grace of Douglas calls had only 3 calls in November. Motor vehicle incidents were up 61% over the prior year. Chief Janik was doing in-school training on distracted driving. Response time is 5.6 minutes. Cost recovery was up to \$17,000 recovered. Public relations campaign to clear hydrants from snow. City of Saugatuck has a fire alarm system. McIlwaine asked if the Township could get a similar system. Sheridan asked Janik what the cost would be, and Janik estimated \$3700-4000. Douglas City hall does not have the system, but the Library does. Janik offered help get a quote. Sheridan would get a quote.
- E. Harbor Commission Report. No meeting.
- F. Open Board Report. McIlwaine commended Sheridan on the new LED light at the Riverside Cemetery. Rudich asked Janik to give his opinion on an alarm system.

Public Comment: Linus Starring thanked the board for passing the Rental Ordinance. Starring stated parking was a problem at his business from nearby neighbors.

There being no further business, Wester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk