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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday July 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Members Present: Jon Phillips, Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich asked to add Certified Planner to Unfinished Business. Lane made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Rudich. Agenda approved 5-0.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. Accident Fund through Standard Insurance. Total to be paid \$66,659.45.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. June 7, 2017 Meeting.
 - b. June 19, 2017 Special Meeting.

McIlwaine asked about legal fees. McIlwaine asked to clarify the Minutes, that Allegan County did not drop support for the Blue Star Trail in Casco Township. McIlwaine moved to approve the minutes and invoices for payment, Lane supported. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Certified Planner for Planning Commission. Rudich explained that the Planning Commission voted to recommend McKenna and Associates as special planner. Phillips made the motion to

hire McKenna and Associates, McIlwaine supported. Rudich discussed using McKenna in the future as needed. Motion passes 5-0.

New Business:

- A. Legislative Update with Mary Whiteford. Whiteford updated the Township Board with the State of Michigan Budget. Revenue sharing would increase. Kalamazoo River study to improve the river with State Grants. Broadband solutions for Allegan County were being discussed. Auto insurance State funding for assigned claims. McIlwaine asked about school funding. Phillips asked about Medical Marijuana updates.
- B. Board Appointments. Phillips stated there were two spots on the Planning Commission, and one ZBA appointment. Phillips made the motion to appoint Chris Lozano to the Planning Commission, with support from Babinski. Motion passes 5-0. Phillips made the motion to appoint Andy Preitz to the Planning Commission, McIlwaine supported. Motion passes 5-0. Phillips made the motion to appoint Ric Brady as Alternate to the ZBA, McIlwaine supported. Motion passes 5-0. McIlwaine thanked Joe Milauckus for his service.
- C. Resolution Non-Motorized Trail. Sheridan stated that the Resolution states that the Tri-Community Parks Plan, the Tri-Community Master Plan and the Blue Star Corridor Overlay District all show the community desire for a non-motorized trail system. Discussion on completion of current section and volume of use. McIlwaine made the motion to adopt the Resolution to support Tri-Community Planning and Blue Star Highway Corridor Development of Non-Motorized Trail Ways, Rudich supported. Roll Call Vote: Lane, Babinski, McIlwaine, Phillips, Rudich all vote yes. Resolution passes 5-0.
- D. Resolution to Support Comcast Service to 62nd St. Sheridan stated that residents had a survey of support with a group of signatures, asking for internet service on 62nd and Indian Point Rd. Discussion on high speed internet options. Lane made the motion to support the Resolution of Support for Increased Residential Customer Access to Broadband Internet Services in Saugatuck Township, with support from Rudich. Roll call vote: Rudich, Phillips, McIlwaine, Babinski, Lane all vote yes. Resolution passes 5-0.
- E. Cemetery Garden Plaque. Sheridan suggested the Board to discuss a plaque at the Riverside Cemetery to thank Deb Wester for her work and expenses on the garden in front of the Cemetery sign. Wester has not asked for re-imbursement for expenses and recently won an award from the Garden Club for the garden. Sheridan suggested the Board approve a plaque and installation not to exceed \$500. McIlwaine made the motion to approve a plaque and installation not to exceed \$500 in appreciation of Deb Wester, support from Phillips. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission met to recommend a Planner to the Township Board.
- B. Road Commission. Sheridan stated that Sandra Lane and Sharon Lane were completed. McIlwaine stated that Riverside Dr. was graded.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the ridership for May was 5817, second highest ever. Phyllis Yff was looking at dispatch software.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that the fire boat had been used 7 times. 182 students had successfully completed home escape plans. McIlwaine suggested the Township have an AED.

- E. Open Board Report. Phillips commented about the Harbor Authority. Sheridan stated correspondence was received in response to The Township asking for a response to joining the Harbor Authority.

Public Comment: Larry and Pat Sharp of Indian Point Rd. discussed high speed internet options with the board. Chris Lozano of Saugatuck Township introduced himself to the Board and thanked the Board for appointment to the Planning Commission. Andy Preitz thanked the Board for appointment to the Planning Commission. Marcia Perry of Laketown Township stated there was excitement about the non-motorized trail. Perry stated McKenna and Associates had previously worked in the area. Perry stated that Milauckus had a valuable history on the Planning Commission. Discussion on exit 41 development. Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk