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## SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday November 1, 2017, 6:00 p.m.  
Saugatuck Township Hall  
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

### APPROVED MINUTES

Clerk Rudich 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:** Saugatuck City Zoning Administrator and Township resident Cindy Osman, asked the Board to adopt the 2015 IFC in its entirety. Fennville School Board President Toby Hutchins gave the Board an update on the Bond Proposal for the November election. Laura Judge of Laketown asked the Board to rescind the Planning Commission approval of North Shore of Saugatuck. Laurie Goshorn voiced her disapproval of the North Shore of Saugatuck and asked the Board to change the meeting time to 7:00. Ruth McDowell of Saugatuck asked for an apology to David Swan from Planning Commission Chair Maggie Conklin. Fire Deputy Chris Mantels asked the Board to adopt the 2015 IFC in its entirety without amendments.

**Approval of Agenda:** Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich added correspondence from Larry Dickie, Fire Chief Janik and Zoning Administrator Steve Kushion. Rudich asked to delete a duplicate item in new business. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Rudich. Agenda approved 5-0.

### Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
  - a. Allegan County through Standard Insurance. Total to be paid \$25,603.83.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
  - a. September 27, 2017 Public Hearing.
  - b. October 4, 2017 Meeting.

Phillips asked about GMS invoices. McIlwaine asked about legal bills for tax appeals. Phillips asked about roadside mowing. Rudich moved to approve the invoices for payment, Phillips supported. Motion passes 5-0. Phillips asked about minutes concerning wording of support, McIlwaine asked to change name in the minutes to Phillips. McIlwaine made the motion minutes as amended, Phillips supported. Motion passes 5-0.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Larry Dickie asked to change meeting times to 7:00.
- B. Fire Chief Janik responded to the Township answers to his original IFC concerns.
- C. ZA Kushion asked the Board to make the IFC amendments as presented.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. IFC 2015 Adoption. Phillips stated that he was not changing his mind. McIlwaine stated the changes proposed have been debated with the Fire Department for 10 months. Rudich handed out a list of Allegan County Townships which had not adopted the IFC. Rudich suggested not adopting the IFC. McIlwaine discussed stop work orders. McIlwaine made the motion to adopt the Ordinance to amend sections 16-26 and 16-27 of the Township of Saugatuck code to update the Township fire code to the 2015 edition of the international fire code. Support by Rudich. Roll call vote: Babinski, yes; McIlwaine, yes; Phillips, no; Lane, yes; Rudich, yes. Motion passes 4-1.

**New Business:**

- A. State Police Rental Agreement. Sheridan explained that the State Police services are in exchange for rent. McIlwaine made the motion to approve the State Police rental agreement, Phillips seconded. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Comcast Franchise Agreement. Phillips made the motion to Renew the Michigan Uniform video Service Local Franchise Agreement, McIlwaine supported. Roll call vote; all vote yes. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. Announce Board Positions for Appointment. Rudich stated that a Parks Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals member were up for appointment. Discussion on appointing John Tuckerman from ZBA alternate to full ZBA member. Phillips made the motion to appoint Tuckerman, pending his approval, Babinski supported. Motion passes 5-0. Notice will be placed in the paper.
- D. Future Meeting Time. Discussion about meeting time. McIlwaine supported a 7:00 meeting. Babinski preferred 6. McIlwaine made the motion to change the meeting to 7:00 starting in January, for one year. Lane supported. Roll call vote; McIlwaine, yes; Lane, yes; Phillips, no; Rudich, no; Babinski, no. Motion fails 2-3.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission gave final approval for the North Shore of Saugatuck, approved an high speed internet tower, and held a public hearing for a proposed sand mine on Old Allegan Road, which was tabled pending hydrology studies. Rudich resigned from the commission. Board agreed to add an item after board reports to discuss replacement to the Planning Commission. McIlwaine asked for Maggie Conklin to apologize and clarify her “property rights” comment.
- B. Road Commission. Sheridan stated that the Township was still waiting for work to be done on a culvert on 126th.

C. Interurban. Babinski reported Interurban officers stayed the same. Record ridership for the year was 69,863, an increase of 6.8%. Board approved gift cards for employees.

D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that the community risk reduction at the Elementary School went well. Discussed IFC. Fire open house was well attended. Burn building was being built.

E. Open Board Report.

11. Planning Commission. McIlwaine made the motion to appoint Jon Phillips, supported by Rudich. Motion passes 4-0, Phillips abstained. McIlwaine thanked Rudich for his service.

**Public Comment:** Patty Birkholz stated the Board served the public and should change meeting time. Birkholz questioned the Planning Commission approval to dig a marina. Laura Judge of Holland, questioned the Planning Commission Chair and asked for an apology. Deputy Mantels asked about name changes to Riverside Road or Riverside Drive. Sheridan updated the Board with Road changes and would follow up with Fire Department. Mantels was disappointed in the change in the IFC. Laurie Goshorn asked if the Township Board had to act on the North Shore approval, Rudich answered they did not.

Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk