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## SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday September 6, 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:** Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Doug Lane, Roy McIlwaine.

**Absent:** Jon Phillips.

**Also Present:** Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Rudich asked the Board to vote on leading the meeting. Rudich made the motion for McIlwaine to lead the meeting, supported by Lane. Motion passes 4-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** McIlwaine asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by McIlwaine. Agenda approved 4-0.

#### **Approval of Invoices and Minutes:**

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
  - a. Accident Fund through Standard Insurance. Total to be paid \$53,852.17.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
  - a. August 2, 2017 Meeting.
  - b. August 16, 2017 Meeting.

McIlwaine asked about attorney fees for the year. Sheridan stated they were on budget. McIlwaine asked about expense for Masonic Lodge cleanup. Sheridan explained that was a Zoning issue and that costs could be assessed on possible tax lien. McIlwaine asked to add to the August 16 meeting, that there was no support for Phillips Motion. Rudich moved to approve the invoices for payment, Lane supported. Motion passes 4-0. Rudich made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, Babinski supported. Motion passes 4-0.

**Correspondence:**

- A. Mike Denny request for Lakeshore Drive washout repair.
- B. Jim Cook asked the Board to video tape meetings. McIlwaine asked to put the discussion on next month's agenda.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Lakeshore Drive Washout Open Letter and Public Hearing Date. Discussion on public hearing date. Motion by Rudich to hold a public hearing at Saugatuck High School on Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Lane supported. Motion passes 4-0.

**New Business:**

- A. Appointments, Library Board and Parks Commission. McIlwaine asked if any applicants would like to speak. Kathy Nania, Sandra Lauer asked to be appointed to the Library Board. Library Director Ingrid Boyer spoke on behalf of Lauer. Rudich made the motion to appoint Sandra Lauer to the Library Board, support from Babinski. Discussion. Motion passes 4-0. Parks Commission applicants Laurie Goshorn and Andrew Diaz asked to be appointed to the Parks Commission. Discussion on candidates. Rudich made the motion to appoint Andrew Diaz to the Parks Commission, support from Lane. Discussion. Motion passes 3-1.
- B. Wellhead License and Option to Purchase Agreement. Sheridan stated the Attorney for land owner had to approve the agreement, and recommended the Board table the agreement and discussion until next meeting. McIlwaine made the motion to table, supported by Rudich. No discussion. Motion passes 4-0.
- C. Non-motorized Maintenance Permit Sample. Amy Matisoff, grant coordinator for MDOT, Kerwin Keen and Art Green from MDOT discussed the Blue Star Trail connection over Interstate 196 at exit 36. The Maintenance Agreement would oblige the Township to add a fourth corridor over the Interstate depending on future traffic. Options would include adding a cantilever bridge for bike traffic only. McIlwaine stated the Board should be cautious in financially obligating a possible future Board. McIlwaine asked for more research into options. Sheridan stated the discussion would go forward with MDOT and The Friends of the Blue Star Trail. Matisoff agreed to continue to work on options with Jeanne VanZoeren of the Friends.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission reviewed site plans for storage units.
- B. Road Commission. Sheridan stated that there was work to be done on a culvert on 126th.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that the ridership for July was a record 14,239. Venetian Saturday added a 2<sup>nd</sup> dispatcher and a 4<sup>th</sup> bus, for 2,646 passengers, which was 551 more than last year.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported that the EMS was about 66% of all calls. Fire Department received a grant for closed circuit tv. Blue Star Trail would be putting up signs. Funding approved for new LED sign. Fire Board asked the Township Board to hold a joint meeting to discuss changes to the IFC.
- E. Open Board Report. Sheridan stated there was a certificate of appreciation for Deb Wester ready.

**Public Comment:** County Commissioner Dean Kapenga gave an update to the Board about the Health Department and Sheriff's department response time. Kapenga talked about erosion at West Side County

Park and other parks. McIlwaine commented that the IFC would be updated to 2015, next month. Chris Mantels asked about a bike trail bridge similar to Holland.

McIlwaine declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk