

**Saugatuck Township Board
Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 6:00 p.m.
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, Michigan 49453

Minutes

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

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

Members absent: None.

Also Present: Township Manager Aaron Sheridan

Public comments.

Wester opened to public comment. Kaye Clements opposed a single trash hauler (sth) and had questions if the Township approved a sth. Fritz Royce favored sth and asked Township to look at Lakeshore water supply issues. Royce asked to reappoint Joe Milauckas and Dayle Harrison. Dawn Schumann asked the Township about the Lakeshore water supply and to reappoint Milauckas and Harrison. Larry Dickie asked the board to install a hearing loop system and to reappoint Milauckas, Harrison and Powers. Dickie advised against changing policies abruptly. Jane Dickie favored a sth and asked to reappoint Milauckas and Harrison. Dickie advised against changing policies abruptly. Shawn Powers asked for his reappointment to the ZBA and spoke for Andrew Prietz. Roy Hebert spoke in favor of Milauckas and Harrison and favored a sth. Jon Helmrich spoke in favor of sth and asked to reappoint Milauckas and Harrison. Helmrich had concerns about the other candidates. Tino Palmucci asked for no change in trash haulers. Ray Arnette was opposed to sth. Dick Facetta was opposed to sth and questioned who would decide on a sth. Jason Vedeweg of J's Disposal was opposed to sth. Matt Biolette of Chef Container offered information if a contract was drawn up for sth. Jim Biba of Saugatuck Woods was opposed to sth. Charlene Felker opposed a sth. Diane Squire opposed a sth. Tom Konvolinka opposed a sth. Ingrid Glover opposed a sth. Patti Birkholz had questions about sth recycling. Birkholz asked to reappoint Milauckas and Harrison. Dayle Harrison asked to be reappointed with Milauckas. Jeffery Parkison opposed a sth. Garrit Sturrus opposed a sth, and had questions about appointment process. Sturrus asked to reappoint Milauckas and Harrison. Jim Cook asked to reappoint Harrison, Milauckas and Powers.

Approval of Agenda. (additions, deletions, removal of items from consent) Wester asked to move board appointments to item B, and move Single Trash Hauler to item A. McIlwaine asked to add mineral lease discussion. Rudich asked to change Supervisor's report to Board report. Agenda approved 5-0.

Consent Agenda. McIlwaine asked about the cemetery electricity bills. Sheridan will follow up. Rudich moved to accept the Consent agenda as presented, Wester supported. Consent agenda approved 5-0.

Correspondance. Board appointments and single waste hauler letters to board. AMR letter from Chris Roerig.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Single trash hauler discussion. Wester was opposed to sth. Mcllwaine thought there were several issues brought up that could be clarified and asked for a survey of residents. Mcllwaine favored single hauler. Wester made motion to not regulate trash hauling, with support from Babinski. Rudich referred to correspondence from Allegan County. Matt Biolette responded to recycling question about Allegan County. Mcllwaine read pros and cons from Laketown Township. Wester called the vote. Motion passed 3-2.
- B. Board Appointments. Rudich asked for board conversation about the planning commission direction. Rudich also stated that the policy change in appointments was the wrong approach. Rudich and Wester agreed the new Zoning Administrator would help guide the planning commission. Mcllwaine suggested a multi-board meeting. Wester brought a letter from the Township attorney stating costs incurred because of Harrison. Discussion on Harrison and any possible bias. Discussion on appointment process. Mcllwaine recommended voting on Milauckas and Harrison. Wester asked all candidates for comments. Milauckas, P. G. Walter, R. J. Peterson, Andy Prietz, Harrison all spoke on their behalf. Mcllwaine made the motion to reappoint Dayle Harrison to planning commission. There was no support. Wester made the motion to appoint Andy Prietz. Rudich supported. Prietz appointed 4-1. Wester made the motion to reappoint Milauckas, second by Mcllwaine. Milauckas reappointed 3-2. Wester made the motion to reappoint Shawn Powers to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second by Rudich. Motion to reappoint Powers passes 5-0.
- C. Water District Refund Resolution. Sheridan explained 380 parcels will get a portion of the total refund of \$114,816.80. Mcllwaine made the motion to approve the Water District Refund Resolution, support from Wester. Roll call vote, Rudich, Wester, Babinski, Phillips, Mcllwaine all vote yes.
- D. Open Document Use Resolution. Sheridan explained the state tax commission recommended the resolution, which is a policy about document viewing during office hours. Similar to Freedom of Information Act. Mcllwaine questioned wording in the document. Phillips made the motion to table, Wester supported. Motion to table passes 5-0. Sheridan will follow up with corrections.
- E. Audio Visual Update. Sheridan suggested looking at costs after the new network server was installed and costs were final. Wester made the motion to table. No second. Discussion on costs involved and ADA compliance. Babinski made the motion to table, Wester supports. Motion to table passes 5-0.
- F. Mineral Lease Guidelines. Mcllwaine stated the Guidelines were on the website, he thanked Larry Dickie for his help in researching information.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Auditor Policy. Sheridan stated the Township has had the same Auditor for the last 10 years and suggested the board change Auditors next year. Rudich suggested changing Auditors every few years to maintain independence. Sheridan stated an RFP would be made out in early spring. Wester made the motion to accept the engagement with Siegfried Crandall, Rudich seconds. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. BSA Receivables. Rudich asked the board to approve the purchase of an additional software module for invoicing and keeping track of receivables. Sheridan explained it would be helpful in tracking billing and escrow accounts. Discussion on costs. Item tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission. Rudich reported the PC had its first meeting with the new Zoning Administrator. Industrial Zoning changes on 63rd street were discussed. ZA would like to discuss sign ordinance changes. PC Board updated the ZA with ongoing projects. Single trash hauler was brought up, but is not a zoning issue.

Road Commission. No report.

Interurban Board. Board was looking at extended hours during holidays and busy evenings. Website will be updated.

Fire Board. Fire alarm system has been approved for install in September. Fire boat was still needed. Fire department was getting an administrative position. Fire at Ox-Bow cost \$3,500 to fight. Dune fires are still a concern.

Ambulance Board. No report.

Harbor Committee. Jon Helmrich asked the board to attend Saugatuck City Council meeting to see Edgewater presentation.

Open Board Comments. Facebook page is up, with pictures of cemetery garden by Deb Wester.

Public Comment. Wester opened up for comment. Gerrit Sturuss commented on board policy and Harrison's removal. Shawn Powers thanked the board for his appointment. Andy Prietz thanked the board.

MEETING AJOURNED-8:19 P.M.