

SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD
Special Meeting
Monday April 6, 2015, 12:00 p.m.
Saugatuck Township Hall
3461 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453

MINUTES

Clerk Brad Rudich called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present: Lori Babinski, Brad Rudich, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: Bill Wester, Jonathan Phillips.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Meeting Chair: Rudich made the motion that Babinski Chair the meeting, second by McIlwaine. Motion passes 3-0.

Public Comment: Babinski asked for public comments. Daryl VanDyke, Manager of Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water, voiced his concern about shared legal representation with Laketown Township and Saugatuck Township. VanDyke stated that there could be procedures set up to ensure there was no conflict of interest.

Approval of Agenda: Babinski asked for changes to the agenda. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda, McIlwaine seconded. Agenda approved 3-0.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

A. None.

New Business:

- A. Township Legal Counsel Discussion. Manager Sheridan stated his concerns that there may be conflict with Laketown Township concerning shared legal counsel with Laketown Township. Sheridan would like to finalize the sewer agreement. Sheridan stated that this conflict may delay the agreement. McIlwaine agreed that there was a conflict with Laketown Township. Rudich asked what the Township's options were. Sheridan stated that the Township would draft a letter to Ron Bultje to desist all legal work. Sheridan stated that if the Township Board feels there is conflict that the Board should act. Rudich asked if the Board should still use Attorney Bultje for general concerns. Sheridan stated there could be potential conflict in other areas, so it would be better to get an attorney for all legal matters. Rudich asked about budgeting concerns for attorney fees. Sheridan stated that budgeting was a secondary concern. Sheridan stated there are plenty of attorneys available that would not have a conflict with any Township partners. Rudich made the motion change legal counsel for all Township business and direct the Township Manager to hire new legal counsel for the Township. Second by McIlwaine. Discussion on hiring attorneys and suggestions. Roll call vote: McIlwaine; yes, Babinski; yes, Rudich; yes. Motion passes 3-0. Sheridan suggested that Scholten and Fant should also no longer be legal counsel for Laketown Township since Attorney Bultje had intimate knowledge of Saugatuck Township.
- B. RFP of Emergency Services Committee. Sheridan stated that the Emergency Services Committee passed an RFP that had slight differences in wording from upon what Saugatuck Township agreed. Sheridan stated that the Township did not have to act further at this point. Sheridan stated that a future contract is the only thing the Township Board would approve. McIlwaine stated that the board should

not approve the RFP that the Emergency Services Committee approved. There was no further action taken.

Public Comments: Babinski asked for public comments. No Comments

There being no further business, Babinski declared the meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Brad Rudich, Clerk