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## SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday March 1, 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.

**Absent:** Roy McIlwaine.

**Also Present:** Manager Aaron Sheridan.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Agenda:** Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Rudich added approval of letter for Lakeshore Drive washout public hearing. Rudich, made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, support from Babinski. Agenda approved 4-0.

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

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
  - a. Big Domain host LLC through Standard Life. Total to be paid \$13,631.99.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Quarterly Financial Statements, Including Return on Investments.
- E. Approval of Minutes.
  - a. January 4, 2017 Meeting.

Phillips asked Sheridan about BigDomain host bill. Sheridan stated the host would be the same. Rudich made the motion to approve the Invoices and Minutes, second by Phillips. No discussion. Motion passes 4-0.

#### **Correspondence:**

- A. None.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- A. Fire Code Administration and Cost-Recovery Update. Discussion was still on going.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Blue Star Trail Phase II Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Resolution. Sheridan stated this was a southern section of the Blue Star Trail that goes over the Expressway. The Friends of the Blue Star Trail was asking for the Township Board to support the application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. This would connect to the City of Douglas' project. Then hopefully the connectivity with The City of Saugatuck could be solved over the Kalamazoo River Bridge. Connectivity overall is viewed as a benefit to the system as a whole. Phillips stated that he has not heard of any Township residents complaining about this project. Rudich made the motion to approve a Resolution to support the application titled "Phase II Blue Star Trail Saugatuck Township South Sector", Phillips supported. Roll call vote: Lane, Babinski, Phillips, Rudich' all vote yes. Resolution passes 4-0.
- B. Recreation Passport Grant RP17-0004 Resolution. Parks chairman Jim Searing gave the Board an updated Resolution with new proposed costs. Parks commissioner Dana Burd gave a presentation on specific changes to River Bluff Park, including trails, dock extension and overlook deck. This would be part of a three year project plan. Phillips made the motion to approve the Resolution of the Saugatuck Township Board to pledge it's support and full financial commitment to submit the Saugatuck Township Parks, Michigan Recreation Passport Grant 2017 RP17-0004. Lane supported the motion. Roll call vote: Rudich, Phillips, Babinski, Lane, all vote yes. Resolution passes 4-0.
- C. Blue Star Trail Preconstruction Meeting. Rudich stated that this pertains to the section of Trail that was being built this year, and that the Trail was already being staked out. Sheridan stated the construction would start soon, and there should be no road closures because of the construction.
- D. Semco Franchise Agreement. Rudich stated the agreement presented was the revised agreement from our attorney. Sheridan stated that he talked with the Township Attorney, and that a franchise fee was not a standard item for this type of utility. Rudich made the motion to adopt the Ordinance granting SEMCO Energy Gas Company to conduct local gas business in the Township of Saugatuck, for ten (10) years. Lane supported. Roll call vote: Babinski, Lane, Rudich, Phillips, all vote yes. Motion passes 4-0.
- E. Public Hearing Letter Approval. Letter is intended to be sent to Lakeshore residents to ask for input in a public hearing concerning the Lakeshore Drive washout, and emergency services access. Discussion on focus of mailing. Rudich made the motion to approve the letter for mailing, Babinski supported. Motion passes 4-0.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission approved a site plan for a Winery on M-89 near Blue Star. Zoning change discussion from North Shore of Saugatuck Development property near Blue Star Highway. Planning Commission reviewed site plan for North Shore of Saugatuck. Township Attorney suggested a larger site plan, and change to site condo plan. Both discussions were tabled for further discussion.
- B. Road Committee. Lane reported on the current year projects. Discussion on Dugout Road grading at 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Sheridan discussed larger construction on Dugout and Riverside with water main. May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be an election to renew the Road Millage.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported that there was a copy of the Audit at the Township Hall. The Interurban is discussing possible expansion to Fennville.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine submitted a report. Phillips read the report, which included, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Douglas Elementary Escape Plan Drill, finished well head protection tank identification, What Not Inn fund raiser for the live fire training facility on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Fire Department was changing banks to Chemical.
- E. Harbor Authority Report. Phillips reported that the Authority was putting together a map of the Harbor for specific boating purposes. Phillips reported that the Authority was waiting for a Township response for joining the Authority. Cities of Saugatuck and Douglas were sent the response and had not responded back to the Township.
- F. Open Board Report. Rudich presented an invitation to the EPA meeting concerning the Kalamazoo River Cleanup.

**Public Comment:** Larry Dickie of Old Allegan Rd, asked about canoe and kayak boat launch. Jim Searing responded that the dock was  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the parking lot, and the bank had a very steep drop off with a swift current. This would make it very difficult to launch or land a kayak or canoe. Dana Burd stated that future projects could include a landing area for the Michigan Water Trail. Dickie asked if fishing was ok. Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk