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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP BOARD

Wednesday May 3, 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, Roy McIlwaine.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Manager Aaron Sheridan.

Public Comment: Jon Helmrich asked the Board to approve a planner. Allegan County Commissioner Dean Kapenga updated the Board about County retirement funding, Police coverage and funding, drug addiction, annual report of the Drain Commissioner. Joe Milauckas asked to review the process of hiring consultants and asked about confidential Attorney letters. Russ Boersma of Arrowaste spoke against a single trash hauler. Al Reinart asked the Board to engage an independent planner. Bran Dykstra asked the Board to hire a planner. Laura Judge of Laketown asked to update notices, commented on the Planning Commission meeting and asked for a planner. Laurie Goshorn asked to clarify that she wanted a single waste hauler without plastic bags, and asked for an independent planner. Sheila Smith-Putnam of Fennville asked for an independent planner. Jeffery Parkison was not in favor of a single trash hauler.

Approval of Agenda: Phillips asked for any additions or deletions. Babinski asked to take off Harbor report. McIlwaine asked to move Fire Budget to Item A. for new business. Rudich asked to add correspondence. Rudich made the motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by McIlwaine. Agenda approved 5-0.

Approval of Invoices and Minutes:

- A. Accounts Payable Invoices to be paid.
 - a. Allegan County Treasurer through We the People Flag Co. Total to be paid \$10,411.60.
- B. A/P check register to be post-audited.
- C. Payroll check register.
- D. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. April 5, 2017 Meeting.

Lane asked about unemployment. Rudich answered there are 4 employees that the Township pays into unemployment for. Rudich asked Laurie Goshorn to clarify that she did not want plastic bags for recycling. McIlwaine moved to approve the minutes and invoices for payment, Rudich supported. Motion passes 5-0.

Correspondence: City of Saugatuck Resolution supporting intergovernmental cooperation. Pam Aalderink against a single trash hauler. Charlotte Stewart in support of a single trash hauler. Kris Atman against a single trash hauler. Julie Jacobusse asked for a dog beach. Mr. & Mrs. Van Der Kolk oppose a single trash hauler. Marcia Tucker was opposed to a single trash hauler. Mark Erlandson wrote to complain about Fire Chief Janik.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Single Waste Hauler Survey. Sheridan stated he had 2 quotes for mailing a survey to each household. Rudich was not in favor of going forward with a survey. McIlwaine was concerned that there was only a small portion of the Township that attended the Public Hearing and that there was a negative mailing sent to residents. McIlwaine asked to have opinion of all residents in a survey. McIlwaine made the motion to approve up to \$2,403.00 for mailing, direct Sheridan to process mailing. Second by Phillips. Rudich added discussion that the Interurban survey only had 100 responses. Discussion on advertising rates. Motion fails 3-2. Rudich made the motion to table indefinitely. McIlwaine stated the issue was dead. Motion withdrawn.

New Business:

- A. Fire District Budget. Roy McIlwaine explained that the Fire Budget discussion was to increase the Millage to 2.00 to fund capital improvements better. Chief Janik gave a presentation on the proposed budget. Motion by McIlwaine to approve the Fire District Millage at 2.00 mils, second by Rudich. No Discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- B. Planning Commission Planner Request. Sheridan stated that proposals would be received by Zoning Administrator Kushion and Sheridan, and the Township Board would approve the planner. Motion by McIlwaine to approve a special planner to review the Cottage Homes, Northshore final plans, second by Rudich. Discussion about scope. Motion passes 5-0. Discussion on escrows. Discussion on scope of planner proposals, including costs and terms. Rudich made the motion to direct Zoning Administrator Kushion to get at least three proposals from Certified Planners to review the Northshore Development, to be approved by the Township Board, in concurrence with the Planning Commission and developer. Support from Phillips. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- C. Health Insurance. Sheridan explained that there is currently a small group on insurance. Discussion on rising costs. Motion by Rudich to renew the current plan for the 2017-2018 year, second by McIlwaine. No discussion. Motion passes 5-0.
- D. Allegan County Road Commission Work Order. Sheridan explained the need to replace a failed culvert on 126th St. Cost would be around \$34,000.00 to come out of the Road Fund. Phillips made the motion to approve the Allegan County Road Commission work order, support from Lane. Motion passes 5-0.
- E. Michigan Trust Fund Resolution. Sheridan explained this would be for the southern section of the non-motorized trail. Discussion on wording of payment. Lane made the motion to approve the Resolution to support the Blue Star Trail phase III, support from Babinski. No discussion.

Roll call vote: Rudich, yes; Phillips, yes; Babinski, yes; Lane, yes; McIlwaine, yes. Motion passes 5-0.

Committee Reports:

- A. Planning Commission. Rudich stated the Planning Commission approved the North Shore Development PUD and Marina preliminary approval.
- B. Road Commission. Lane mentioned the 2017 road millage passed 173-59.
- C. Interurban. Babinski reported the Interurban would be asking for a millage renewal in November.
- D. Fire Board. McIlwaine reported rental inspections were up. Community CPR went well. Douglas Elementary evacuation training went well. Fund raising at the What Not Inn raised over \$6,000. Fire Board approved a new driveway for \$5,000 while Blue Star Trail was constructed, and drainage would be repaired.
- E. Open Board Report. Phillips reported about the Allegan County Sheriff's meeting, and possible countywide millage. McIlwaine asked about a traffic study at 135th St. and Blue Star.

Public Comment: Patty Birkholz thanked the Board in approving a planner and asked for an experienced planner. Joe Milauckas commented that there was a study of the intersection of 135th, fifteen years ago. Milauckas asked for a planner that could be used in the future. Laura Judge of Laketown thanked the Board for hiring a planner, and asked for a planner with knowledge in Critical Dunes. Laurie Goshorn talked about a trash survey through the newspapers. Chuck Huber thank the Board for their work. Sheila Smith-Putnam of Fennville, thanked the Board, asked about legal efforts to have Planning Commissioner Cook removed. Phillips stated that was not true. McIlwaine clarified that the Saugatuck Dunes Alliance sent an email stating that . Phillips declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Brad Rudich, Clerk