

SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL: Mary Ann Nugent-present, Gail Raad-present, Beth Acker-present, Linda Snow-present, Tracy Baker-present.

Agenda Revisions: Raad motion to add traffic trailers and Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council to new business with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Nugent motion to approve the April 8, 2024, board meeting minutes with a second from Snow. All in favor. Motion carried.

Baker motion to approve the April 22, 2024, special meeting minutes with a second from Snow. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

- **Supervisor:**

- One Public comment will be available after new business. Comments not questions are accepted during this time.

- **Clerk:**

- County and State training for clerk and deputy will begin in May and June.

Acker motion to approve bills and payroll with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer:**

- Training for deputy will begin.

Raad motion to accept and approve treasurer's report as presented with a second from Snow. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Trustees:** No comments.

Dignitary Reports:

Gary Nugent, Chairperson for the Fire Board: Sauble had one (1) medical & three (3) fires in April. YTD is 104; Last year was 79.

Gary Nugent, SEE Fire Support: Nothing to report.

County Commissioner: Mike Seroczynski is interim commissioner.

Lake County Sheriff, Richard Martin: Not present.

Lake County Road Commission: Not present.

Assessor, Greg Barnett: March board of review went well. The 2024 assessment period is closed with both the County and State. Greg will email twp attorney and cc Nugent with regards to Pleasant Acres Trailer Park.

Planning and Zoning: No meeting was held in May as did not have a quorum.

Board of Review: Tom Snow is the alternate on BOR and Woolever is still a member. Greg Barnett does not know if a July meeting is warranted.

Zoning Administrator: Robert Hall submitted his report to P&Z members and the township board.

Lake County Emergency Management Director, Eric King: Took over the position on 4/22/24.

- Discussed the Secure Rural Schools fund. Sauble township will receive \$5238.77 in 2024.
- Payment distribution is 75% to local school districts and 25% to county roads improvement.

New Business:

- **P/Z Commission Resignations**
 - John Acker, Jim Sharp, Ken Piper, and Bob Woolever all resigned.
 - Ann Baker was appointed and approved to fill one vacancy.
- **Community Garden**
 - Plots that residents had in 2023 are still available in 2024. Corn plots in 2025 will need to be rotated.
- **Lawn Tractor**
 - Interested party in purchasing. Include trailer?
- **Porta-Jon at pavilion area**

Raad motion to hire All Seasons Porta Jons at a monthly rate of \$120 for the period beginning 5 /20 and ending 10/31 with a second from Nugent. Roll call: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Luther Area Public Library**
 - Open trustee position on the board. Any resident can apply by 7/1/24.
- **Large Item Clean-up on 7/13/24 at Skinner Park from 9 AM to Noon.**
 - Pay Boy Scouts \$300 in June.
 - Will purchase water, pop, and snacks for workers.
- **Budget Amendment to SEE Fire Dept,**

Raad motion to amend SEE Fire Dept. budget by \$30,000 received from the MI Fire Equipment Grant. The check was deposited in the tax account and written to SEE Fire Dept with a second from Nugent. Roll call: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Traffic Trailers**
 - \$15,000 to purchase which the township cannot afford.
 - Nugent will contact Pietras to set up the two trailers in Sauble Township when Elk Township is no longer using them.
- **Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council**
 - Received letter from Stronach Township in Manistee County opposing the plan. Letter will be filed by Raad in clerk's files.

Public Comment: One (1) public comment from 7:03 to 7:05 PM.

Board Privilege: No comments.

Raad motion to adjourn board meeting at 7:06 PM with a second by Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Raad, Sauble Township Clerk