

SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

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

Agenda Revisions: Add under new business, donation to SEE Fire Support and Determine fee of printed zoning ordinance. Raad motion to add the above 2 items to new business with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Nugent motion to approve the November 14, 2022, meeting minutes with a second by Snow. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Supervisor:**
 - Jason Moore of First-Rate Roofing LLC will begin the siding, fascia, soffit project next week.
 - Welcome Linda Snow to her first meeting as elected trustee.
- **Clerk:**
 - Recount of Proposal 2 & Proposal 3 has begun in several MI counties which will take several weeks to complete.
 - Acker motion to approve bills & payroll with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Raad motion to approve treasurer's report as presented with a second from Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Check was written for Loon Lake SAD; however, check has not been cashed.
- **Trustees:** Nothing.

Public Comment: None.

Dignitary Reports:

Gary Nugent, Chairman for the Fire Board: 5 medical & 1 fire in Sauble. Month to date is 31. YTD is 272 with last year's total of 250.

Gary Nugent, SEE Joint Building Authority: There is still funds available from the bonds. \$5,000.00 has been spent on weightlifting equipment. All funds will be spent.

Gary Nugent, SEE Fire Support: All product will be stored at the fire station.

Don Arquette, County Commissioner: Gave report from last commissioner's meeting. Still owe \$1.2 million on RRP.

Richard Martin, Lake County Sheriff Department:

- Received grant of \$159,000 towards accreditation which will allow the hiring of a civilian as manager.
- Luther Larceny – over 100 items recovered and five cases in Lake County have been solved.
- Blight on 68th Street had court order issued to remove, also blight on May Road has been removed.
- Webber Township homicide, person has been charged.
- LOSB robbery – all marked bills have been recovered. Will be prosecuted at local not federal level.
- School lockdown & evacuation training is ongoing.
- AMVETS is now in charge of Blessing of Bikes

- Donations to Beth Knight, chief deputy treasurer, can be made at either Sheriff or Treasurer office.

Road Commission: Not present.

Bill Rodgers, Land Use Administrator's Report:

- Issued no permits
- Zoning/Blight Violations
 - Hamilton RD – Inoperable, Abandoned Vehicles, Vehicle Parts, Junk/Blight
 - Contacted Chris Bebee on 11/21/22 and with snow the clean-up has been extended to May 1, 2023
 - W 6 Mile RD – Junk/Blight
 - Rodgers contacted Mr. Little on 11/23/22 and he is still looking for a new truck. Rodgers thinks property is looking good. New deadline for trailer removal is extended to May 1, 2023
 - 3 Mile/Hamilton RD – follow up on partially dismantled trailer removal from August 2021
 - Bill called on 11/22/22 and property owner is trying to get trailer remains removed, however, stated won't be doing anything further until spring 2023. Bill will contact her on May 1, 2023.
 - N Mac Rd/6 Mile RD, SW Corner, house with large hole in roof and abandoned car. On 11/29/23 the abandoned car was removed. House clean up will begin in the spring.

COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning:

- Jim Sharp stated Kurt Schindler attended the December 6, 2022, planning meeting.
- Kurt Schindler's suggestions as follows:
 - Zoning administrator to start files on history of parcels
 - File by parcel number
 - Assessor should provide feedback to zoning administrator on property splits
 - Board of Appeals share if approvals are granted to assessor
 - May have to amend ordinance if MI legislature votes on short term rental
 - Township board to adopt a fee schedule for zoning ordinance
 - Contact Mary Reilly of MSU Extension to add members to her mailing list.
 - Latest court cases are included in the newsletter
 - Jim Sharp will compile email addresses and submit to Mary Reilly
 - Planning members to keep up with training
 - Jim Sharp will distribute copies of the zoning ordinance to Luther Library, Pathfinder Library, Lake County Planning Commission
- Nugent thanked the planning members for the time, effort, research, etc. they spent on the ordinance project.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing

Board of Review: Meeting will be held on December 13th at 1 PM. Meeting should last half hour.

Unfinished Business: Nothing

New Business:

- **Zoning Ordinance:**
 - Final version is on the Sauble website and copies are available at the township.

- **Use of former fire station:**
 - Leroy Williams of the Lake County Road Commission contacted Nugent that LCRC commissioners voted not to use the building for storage.
 - Possibility that the Sheriff Department is interested in the building. Use for storage of boat, snowmobiles, etc.

- **Calendar change for March 2023 meeting:**
 - Raad motion to change the March 13, 2023, township board meeting to March 27, 2023, at 6 PM with a second from Acker. Roll call vote: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried. The date change will give the board more time to work on the 2023-2024 budget.

- **SEE Fire Support Donation:**
 - Nugent motion to approve a \$200 donation to SEE Fire Support with a second from Baker. Roll call vote: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Gary Nugent will let Raad know to whom the check is written.

- **Determine the fee for a copy of the zoning ordinance.**
 - Discussion as to what to charge as costs to print involve paper, toner, time, etc. The ordinance is on the township website, so residents have that option.
 - Acker motion to approve a \$50 cost to residents for a copy of the zoning ordinance with a second from Baker. Roll call vote: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried. Baker will check with Office Max the cost for them to print the zoning ordinance.

:02Public Comment: One comment began 6:59 pm to 7:02 pm.

Board Privilege: Thank you letters were sent to Trunk n Treat volunteers from Nugent. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Adjournment: Motion by Raad, second by Acker. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail Raad, Sauble Township Clerk