

SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present – Board members Mary Ann Nugent, Beth Acker, Tracy Baker, and Bill Rodgers. Ann Baker, filling in for Gail Raad.

Absent – Gail Raad

Agenda: Nugent motion to approve agenda as presented with a second from Rodgers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes from June 9, 2025 Board meeting: T Baker motion to approve minutes as presented with a second from Rodgers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Reports

• **Supervisor**

- Hazardous Materials Waste Collection in Mecosta and Oceola Counties on August 7, 2025. Sauble Township residents are able to participate.
- Hall Clean up for August is Gail Raad

• **Clerk**

- No Report, Raad on vacation
- Acker motion to approve bills and payroll with a second from Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.

• **Treasurer**

- Read balances in the township funds
- CD rate increase to 2.27%. Acker to check timing requirements if CD should be closed out to attain better rate.
- College Savings pamphlet (MI 529) provided by Acker for residents information
- Nugent motion to accept and approve treasurer's report as presented with second from Rodgers . All in favor. Motion carried.

• **Trustees**

- No report

Dignitary Reports:

- **SEE Fire Board** Gary Nugent, Chairperson presented report. Sauble had one (1) medical and two (2) non medical (fire) in June. YTD is 166, which is 28 more than year ago.
- **Lake County Commission** – Not present
- **Lake County Sheriff** – Not present
- **Lake County Road Commission** - Not present
- **Sauble Township Assessor** - Not present
- **Planning and Zoning Commission** – Chairperson Ann Baker presented. July 1st was public hearing, heavily attended (over 80 ppl). Purpose of the meeting was to hear questions/comments regarding repeal of Zoning Ordinance. Minutes for meeting have been presented to the Township Board. The next meeting on August 5th, 2025 will review comments and provide a recommendation to the Township Board.
 - Acker motion to approve Amendment to Repeal Zoning Ordinance. Rogers second and a roll call vote was conducted. Rodgers – Yes; Nugent – No; Acker – Yes; T Baker – Yes. Motion carried 3-1.
 - Supervisor Nugent to consult with attorneys if all measures have been completed to repeal or if additional actions are required.
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Currently two vacancies
- **Board of Review** – Currently two vacancies. Meets next on 7/22 at 12:30 p.m.
- **Zoning Administrator** – Not present; June report provided
- **Community Garden** – Tracy Baker presented. Corn looks good and Thanks to Mike Dewey for all his attention to the crop.
- **Luther Library Board** – Ann Baker presented. Children's summer reading program starting week of July 14. Feeding America snack packs available to any one to visits the library.

Unfinished Business:

- Large Item Clean up took place at Eden township hall grounds. 61 vehicles used this service, with most coming from Eden township (37) vs. Sauble (23).
- No boy scout assistance as no troop in the area any longer. Thank you to Gary Nugent and Ann & Tracy Baker for assistance. Thank you to John and Beth Acker for providing snacks and water/Gatorade.
- Policy Manual review – postponed until August meeting to assure all board members participate. Request to review the documents ahead of time and be prepared to recommend changes needed.

- Mulch – C Stumbrie is willing to move the remaining mulch to behind the fire station for a fee of \$50.00. Baker motion to approve payment of \$50. Second by Nugent.
Roll call vote:

Rodgers – yes; Nugent – yes; Acker – yes; T Baker – yes. Motion carried.

New Business: None presented.

Public Comment: Three persons addressing zoning (7 minutes); one person presented information on Bass Lake Area Environment Conservation mission, events and invitation to join or attend events (3 + minutes).

Board Comments:

- Nugent: Clarifications on question from citizen on why it took so long on zoning repeal. Board voted in January 2025; Planning Commission took on the appeal; there were changes in the P/Z commission members and now it has been put forward.
- T Baker – thank you to Nugent for guidance provided to the P/Z commission throughout the changes.

Adjournment: Rodgers motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. with a second by Acker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Ann Baker



Deputy Sauble Township Clerk