

**SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 8, 2023**

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: Raad motion to approve agenda as presented with no revisions with a second from Acker. All in favor. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Acker motion to approve the April 10, 2023, meeting minutes with a second from Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Reports:

- **Supervisor:**
 - L-4029 Fire Station millage was incorrect, overpaid on 2022 winter taxes. The 2023 winter taxes will correct this error. The millage for the fire station will change every year.
 - Large Item clean-up. Participants were 38 Eden, 24 Sauble, 8 Elk
 - LCTOA – quarterly meeting held at Sauble Township. Nugent volunteered to be the chairperson.
- **Clerk:**
 - Baldwin school millage election will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023
 - Acker motion to approve bills & payroll with a second from Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Treasurer:**
 - Nugent motion to approve treasurer's report as presented with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Trustees:** Nothing.

Public Comment: Patrician Batista offered to write proposal for a SPARKS grant which allows townships to upgrade playground and recreational facilities. No matching fund required from the township.

Dignitary Reports:

Gary Nugent, Chairman for the Fire Board: Sauble had 2 medical & 1 fire in March. Total runs of 18. Year to date is 79.

Gary Nugent, SEE Joint Building Authority: Nothing to report.

Gary Nugent, SEE Fire Support: Nothing to report.

Don Arquette, County Commissioner: Not present.

Richard Martin, Lake County Sheriff Department:

- ORV facility off M-37 will be breaking ground for a new addition.
 - Village of Baldwin writing a grant to demolish the old Opera House in downtown Baldwin and build a community welcome center.
 - Grant to purchase 4 more traffic speed trailers.
 - Regional juvenile detention center
 - Use the current Lake County facility which will save the State money.
 - Run by court system.
- Use of Sauble Fire Station
- Will discuss with Under Sheriff Mark Pietras

- Judge Glancy has replaced Judge Wickens who has retired.

Leroy Williams, Road Commission:

- Brining will begin soon.
- Road projects in Sauble will begin this summer.
- Asked a road commissioner to resign due to conflict with other commissioners.
- Dead end sign on Mac Road – will install.

Assessor, Greg Barnette:

- 2023 database is frozen. Rolled over to 2024 database.
- Gave board copies of assessed value and tax value reports that will be sent to the State of Michigan.
- A new form from the County to be submitted for splits and combinations of property.
 - Form will be given to Bill Rodgers, land use administrator.
- No response from Pleasant Acres Trailer Park.

Planning and Zoning: Jim Sharp stated no new business was discussed at the 5/2/23 planning meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Nothing

Board of Review: Nothing

Bill Rodgers, Land Use Administrator's Report:

- Issued two permits.
- See Bill's sheet for blight properties that are being monitored.
- If no substantial progress has been made regarding removal of blight, then,
 - Give a 30-day notice first.
 - Issue a citation if no progress has been made.
- Clarification from Kurt Schindler is needed regarding permits for demolition and roofs added over deck (existing footprint).
 - Jim Sharp will contact Mr. Schindler.
 - Special meeting with board, Rodgers, and planning commission.
 - The possibility of Mr. Schindler calling in by phone.

Unfinished Business:

- **Update on Station #1 use**
 - Sheriff Martin gave an update and Under Sheriff Mark Pietras will contact Nugent.

New Business:

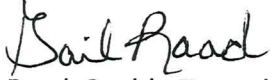
- **Boy Scout Troop 61**
 - Nugent motion to approve the payment of \$300 for assistance at 5/6 clean-up with a second from Acker. Roll call vote: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Furnace Repair**
 - Nugent motion to pay Jim Leach Mechanical \$428.75 for furnace repair with a second from Acker. Roll call vote: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **ARPA Funds Update**
 - Use to purchase new carpet and laminate in hall and office areas.
 - New copier as current one continually jams.
- **Additional pickle ball courts**
 - Can have 2 more courts and Rodgers will paint the lines. Raad will purchase the yellow paint. The striping machine is in the garage.
- **Mission Statement (Vision, Goals)**
 - Examples handed to board members, come prepared at the June board meeting.
- **Generac**
 - Nugent will contact four companies to get quotes.
 - Will apply for an LCCF grant in the fall.

Public Comment: None.

Board Privilege: None

Adjournment: Motion by Raad, second by Acker. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Raad".

Gail Raad, Sauble Township Clerk