

# SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 14, 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:** Raad motion to accept amended agenda as only 9/9/24 minutes are to be approved with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES:**

Acker motion to approve the September 9, 2024, board meeting minutes with a second from Snow. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **Board Reports:**

- **Supervisor:**
- **Clerk:**
  - The Public Accuracy Test will be held on Thursday, 10/24/24, at 10 AM.
  - Road brining from the Secure Rural School PILT was paid.
  - Early voting will be held at the Baldwin County Courthouse from 10/26/24 to 11/3/24. 8 AM to 4 PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the courthouse.
  - Election inspector training will be held on Friday, 11/1/24, at 10 AM.

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

#### **Treasurer:**

Check written to KCI to cover postage for winter tax bills.

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

- **Trustees:** No comments.

#### **Dignitary Reports:**

**Gary Nugent, Chairperson for the Fire Board:** Sauble had four (4) medical & one (1) fire in October. MTD is thirty-five (35). YTD is 202.

**Gary Nugent, SEE Fire Support:** Nothing to report.

**County Commissioner, Mike Seroczynski:** Not present.

**Lake County Sheriff, Richard Martin:** Not present.

**Lake County Road Commission:** Not present.

#### **Assessor, Greg Barnett:**

- Pleasant Acres Trailer Park and Michigan Tax Tribunal. Greg received documentation of 260 pages. Will consult with Josh Beard, Sauble Attorney.
- Venema – appealing Special SAD assessment on his properties located on Sauble Lakes to Michigan Tax Tribunal. Barnett has not received any further communication from MTT.
- Greg received a request from The Warren Group requesting BS&A 2024 building data.
  - Greg requesting Sauble Township pass a resolution giving authority to Greg to provide the information to The Warren Group.
  - Greg will bill Sauble Township \$250 to provide the information.
  - Raad responded that the request sounds like a FOIA. Will contact Sauble attorney as to how to proceed.

**Planning and Zoning:** Three vacancies available.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Two vacancies available

**Board of Review:** Two vacancies available.

**Zoning Administrator:** Received Bob Hall's report for September.

**Community Garden Update:** Baker stated he and Gary Nugent will be cutting back the weeds. Mary Nugent requested some cornstalks to use as decoration.

- Raad motion to recess October board meeting at 6:22 PM with a second from Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Acker motion to convene Election Commission meeting at 6:22 PM with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Election Commission:**
  - Nugent, Raad and Acker were present for the meeting.
  - Raad presented names of the election inspectors and receiving board names for the November 5, 2024, general election.
  - Raad will email the minutes to both the Lake County Democratic and Republican chairpersons.
  - See Election Commission meeting minutes.
- Snow motion to reconvene the October board meeting at 6:26 PM with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Zoning Issues Update on 9/5/24 special meeting:**
  - Raad sent an email to Bob Hall as issues remain open.
- **Generator:**
  - Great Lakes Energy will hook it up on Tuesday, 10/29/24.
  - A \$450 invoice was paid to Fischer Propane to hook up the gas line.
- **Trunk n Treat** will be held on Saturday, 10/26/24 from 5-6:30 PM
  - Bags have been stuffed.

**New Business:**

- **Snowplowing:**
  - Matt Riggs will provide snowplowing at the rate of \$47/hour. The price is the same as last year.
- **LCCF Endowment:**
  - By 12/2025 must reach a balance of \$10,000 in Sauble's fund. If \$10,000 reached, then Sauble would receive \$400 yearly.
  - Terminate the contract with fund balance transfer to LCCF general fund.
  - All Board members agree to terminate the fund. Nugent will contact LCCF as to how to proceed with the termination.
- **Router:**
  - The current router continually loses connection to the internet. Acker will discuss with John Acker the best router for the township.

Raad motion to purchase a new router for Sauble Township with the price not to exceed \$400 with a second from Nugent. Roll call vote: Nugent, yes; Raad, yes; Acker, yes; Snow, yes; Baker, yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Septic Tank:**
  - Josh Brown of Micro Sanitation to be contacted by Nugent with a price to clean the tanks.
  - Over 20 years since last cleaned.
- **LCTOA:**
  - The meeting will be held at Yates Township on 10/24/24 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited.
- **View the General election ballot:**
  - <https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/PublicBallot/Index>

- **Public Comment:** Comments made from 6:54 PM to 7:00 PM.
- **Board Privilege:** No comments.

Raad motion to adjourn board meeting at 7:00 PM with a second by Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Raad, Sauble Township Clerk