

# SAUBLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

### AUGUST 12, 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 agenda as presented with a second from Acker. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES:

Acker motion to approve the July 8, 2024, board meeting minutes with a second from Snow. All in favor. Motion carried. Nugent motion to approve the July 8, 2024, Special Commission meeting minutes with a second from Baker. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### Board Reports:

- **Supervisor:**

- Lake County Township Officer Assn meeting will be held at Sauble Township on August 29, 2024, at 7 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

- **Clerk:**

- Thank you to all the election workers for their dedication and efficiency. Had a total of 160 voters for the August 6, 2024, State Primary Election. Sauble Township had a 44% turnout.
- A recount will be held on the 2 Judicial candidates in second place as there is an 8-vote difference. Each township will bring ballots and ballot stubs to the Board of Canvassers in Baldwin, Mi.
- A \$5800.00 downpayment to GM Electric for the Generac generator and \$3453 payment for large item clean-up was made to A1 Services.

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

- **Treasurer:**

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 & two (2) fires in July. MTD is 29. YTD is 149 and last year was 130.

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

**County Commissioner, Mike Seroczynski:** Lake County will be debt free by end of year.

County building permits will be issued for one (1) year instead of six (6) months and cost remains the same.

Dial A Ride is expanding service to Ludington and Reed City.

A design contest for the ORV Park sign will be held.

MI DNR will be offering boat washing in 2025. The site does not have to be on the lake.

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

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

**Assessor, Greg Barnett:** Not present.

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

**Board of Review:** Bob Woolever and Tom Snow attended a short meeting with Greg Barnett and Nugent. One (1) PRE was issued.

**Zoning Administrator:** No report from Bob Hall.

**Community Garden Update:** Baker stated that the corn is looking good and will soon be harvested to deliver to Bread of Life Food Pantry in Baldwin.

**Unfinished Business:**

- **Zoning Administrator Concerns**

- Lack of communication and maintenance of files.
- Nugent will send an email to Bob Hall asking for 3 dates and times where he will be available for a special meeting with the township board.

**New Business:**

**New Assessor's Contract:**

- Raad motion to accept the assessor's contract/agreement effective August 1, 2024, to run for a term of 3 years, or until dissolved by mutual agreement. Payments will be at a rate of \$13.25 per parcel x 849 parcel count (\$937.43) to Greg Barnett. Contract will increase 3% per year or current year CPI rate whichever is less. Motion seconded by Acker. Roll call vote: Nugent, aye; Raad, aye; Acker, aye; Baker, aye; Snow, aye. All in favor. Motion carried. Raad will email a copy of Assessor's Contract to Greg Barnett.

**Appointment of Ann Baker to Luther Area Public Library as Trustee:**

- Motion by Nugent to approve the appointment of Ann Baker as a trustee on the Luther Area Public Library Board with a second by Raad. Roll call vote: Nugent, aye; Raad, aye; Acker, aye; Baker, aye; Snow, aye. All in favor motion carried.
  - Copy of the meeting minutes will be provided to the Luther Public Library board.
  - The library board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Sauble's lending library could use Amish books.

**Generator:** No recent updates.

**Budget Amendments:**

- Add \$1,000.00 to Account #5000979 Gerber Foundation – Community Garden
- Add \$5,300 to Account #4000528 National Forest SRS PILT – Road Improvement
- Motion by Acker to accept and approve amendments as presented with a second by Baker. Roll call vote: Nugent, aye; Raad, aye; Acker, aye; Baker, aye; Snow, aye. All in favor motion carried.
- Maintain a separate expense list for the Community Garden.

**Trunk n Treat:**

- Nugent will request \$500 from Sheriff Martin's Can Recyclable Program.
- Raad will start to order goodies for the treat bags handed out to the children.
- Baker stated that the Gerber Foundation has discretionary funds available.

**Pleasant Acres Update:**

- Received invoice for attorney Beard's services. Nugent then contacted for status.
- Settlement – brief filing by September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Hearing dates for motions – early 2025.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Board Privilege:**

Raad stated that November election preparations will begin in September.  
Acker Inquired as to turnout % of other townships.

Raad motion to adjourn board meeting at 6:58 PM with a second by Nugent. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gail Raad, Sauble Township Clerk