

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, January 14, 2008**

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Saugatuck High School Media Center, 401 Elizabeth Street, Saugatuck, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance**
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank & Simon
Absent: Vettori
Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Council Member Verplank, 2nd by Council Member Hess, to approve the December 27, 2007 regular meeting minutes as amended. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously
5. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler announced that Mayor Vettori was absent from the community.
6. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier reported on the following: Spear Street Boat Launch Agreement; Mt. Baldhead Stair Grant; Tree City USA paperwork is completed; Capital Bond Project to be placed on the May ballot; Single trash hauler surveys are being prepared and mailed to all residents. City Manager Harrier also mentioned that on January 23, 2008 he along with Douglas City Manager Dave Kowal will be meeting with Attorney's from Warner Norcross & Judd to investigate in creating an enabling ordinance to allow a Harbor Committee.
7. **Agenda Changes:** None.
8. **Guest Speakers:**
 - A. **Ernie Sarkipato, Flood Plain Management Award Presentation** – The City of Saugatuck received a plaque from FEMA for successfully participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. By participating in this program it reduces insurance premiums for residents of the City. Mayor Pro-Tem expressed his gratitude to Assistant Zoning Administrator Patrick Hudson for implementing this program for the City of Saugatuck and what a huge accomplishment this is for the City.
 - B. **Terry Burns, Allegan County Commissioner** – Commissioner Burns reported on various Allegan County issues.
9. **Public Comment:** None.
10. **Request for Payment:**
 - A. **Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$389,717.54. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously. Council Member Bekken clarified that the balance of \$26,692.33 due to the City of Douglas for the police budget covers three years worth of adjustments.
11. **Public Hearings:** None.
12. **Unfinished Business:** None.

13. New Business:

A. 2008 Street End License Renewals: A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Hess, to approve the renewal of street end licenses and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the license agreements. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

B. 2008 Tax Collection Agreement with Saugatuck Public Schools: A motion was made by Bekken, 2nd by Verplank, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and enter into an agreement between Saugatuck Public Schools and the City of Saugatuck for collection of the 2008 summer tax levies at a rate of \$2.75 per parcel. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Shoreline Computer Service Contract: A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Johnson, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and enter into an agreement between Shoreline Computer Systems and the City of Saugatuck for technology services. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

D. 336 Lucy Street Lot Split: A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by Simon, to approve a lot split for 336 Lucy Street. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

E. Special Event Permit for May 3rd Wedding at Coghlin Park: A motion was made by Johnson, 2nd by Simon, to approve the special events permit for a May 3, 2008 wedding in Coghlin Park. Upon voice vote the motion passed.

F. Special Event Permit for July 26th Wedding at Coghlin Park: A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Bekken, to deny the special events permit for a July 26, 2008 wedding in Coghlin Park. Upon voice vote the motion passed.

14. Consent Agenda:

A. Special Event Permit for Saugatuck Douglas Art Fair July 5th & 26th: A motion was made by Simon, 2nd by Johnson, to approve the special events permit for the July 5 & July 26, 2008 Art Fairs. Upon voice vote the motion passed.

15. Public Comments: Harold Thieda, 115 Van Dalson, suggested that there should be guidelines in place to hold weddings on City property including a monetary deposit.

16. Communications:

A. Saugatuck Township – Public Notice: Accepted as information.

B. Allegan Township – Township Resolution: Accepted as information.

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received committee reports from Planning Commission and Waste Hauling Committees.

18. Council Comments: Council Member Simon requested an update on the lifeguard services; Council Member Hess informed Council on the building of an e-mail address database to keep citizens up-to-date with City information; Council Member Johnson asked City Manager Harrier to prepare a list of FOIA requestors for the next City Council workshop.

19. Adjournment: Mayor Pro-Tem Spangler adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk