

**Minutes**  
**Saugatuck City Council Workshop Meeting**  
**Saugatuck, Michigan, February 21, 2008**

1. **Call to Order by Mayor Vettori at 3:08 p.m.**
2. **Attendance:** Present: Bekken, Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Simon, Spangler & Vettori  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: City Manager Harrier and City Clerk Looman

Council Member Simon joined the meeting at 3:09 p.m. and Council Member Spangler at 3:19 p.m.

3. **Public Comment:** David Swan, 345 Griffith Street, President of Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance, applauds City's efforts in looking into the possibility of leasing the Denison property.

4. **Discussion Items:**

- A. **Interchange 41 Sewer Agreement:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verplank, to go into closed session at 3:10 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Upon roll call, the motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Verplank, Bekken, Hess, Simon & Vettori

Nays: None.

Absent: Spangler

Council reconvened at 4:12 p.m. in open session.

Present: Bekken, Simon, Hess, Verplank, Johnson, Spangler & Vettori.

Absent: None.

- B. **Saugatuck Public Schools Capital Improvements –** Saugatuck Public Schools Superintendent Tim Woods, presented Council with an over view of proposed renovation projects scheduled at the High School that include: new football/soccer field, plaza entry way, bleachers, art classroom/gallery, storage shed, restrooms, concession stand, ticket booth, decorative fencing, press box and landscaping. The school is very hopeful that the renovation projects will begin in Summer 2008. Mr. Wood thanked City Council for allowing him to present them with the upcoming projects and will keep Council updated as the projects progress. Council reviewed a communication from the City Attorney regarding the zoning process for school related projects. The City Attorney stated that the City of Saugatuck does not have legal authority regarding zoning review.

- C. **McClendon Property Lease -** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hess, to go into closed session at 4:58 p.m. to discuss property acquisition. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened at 6:10 p.m. in open session.

Present: Bekken, Simon, Hess, Verplank, Johnson, Spangler & Vettori.

Absent: None.

- D. **Assessing Contract -** City Manager Harrier informed Council of a letter he received from the Michigan Department of Treasury stating that the city was non-compliant with the 14-point review that was preformed in 2003 and that the matter needed to be addressed by the 2010 assessing roll. Mr. Harrier contacted the Department of Treasury and explained the situation that both he and the new assessor (Dan Scheuerman) were newer employees to the city and were unaware of such communication previously sent to the city regarding the 14 point review preformed in 2003. According to the Department of Treasury, this information was mailed only to the assessor at that time and that they are changing their protocol in notification in the future. City Manager Harrier has discussed this situation with the Assessor and he has agreed to adjust his schedule to have his situation resolved by 2010. However City Council will have to approve a revised contract which will be brought to Council at a future meeting.

- E. **City Council Meeting Agenda Review:** City Manager Harrier asked Council to look over the special event permits that will be coming before Council on Monday, February 25, 2008.

5. **Other Items of discussion:** None.
6. **Public Comment:** None.
7. **Adjournment** Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman, City Clerk