

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

The City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 102 Butler Street, Saugatuck, Michigan.

1. **Call to Order** by Mayor Vettori at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**  
Present: Spangler, Bekken, Johnson, Verplank, Simon & Vettori  
Absent: Hess  
Others Present: City Manager Harrier, City Clerk Looman
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Bekken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spangler, to approve the March 24, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Vettori announced the following: The April 23, 2008 bond proposal presentation for the Saugatuck Street Improvement Project; the changing of the light ceremony was a success; Saugatuck has been listed in *Midwest Living Magazine* as one of the top five towns in the Midwest to visit and *American Style Magazine* as one of the top 25 art destination towns; the Town Crier Race was held this past weekend; the Saugatuck Area Business Association has a new marketing campaign and brochure 2008; reminder of the Saugatuck Citizen of the Year ceremony on April 19, 2008 at the Coral Gables Annex from 2-4 p.m.
6. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier updated Council on the following: The Interchange 41 litigation; an agreement has been reached with Schippers of 505 Water Street and the Historic District Commission.
7. **Agenda Changes – Addition (8.A.)** - Guest Speakers Steve Bishop of Fleis & Vandenbrink.
8. **Guest Speakers:**  
A. Steve Bishop, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, gave Council a brief synopsis of agenda items 13 (A) & (B) and answered questions before Council took the items to vote.
9. **Public Comment:** None.
10. **Request for Payment:**  
A. **Approval of Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$108,198.28. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
11. **Public Hearings:** None.
12. **Unfinished Business:** None.
13. **New Business:**  
A. **Blue Star Bridge – 2008 Underwater Bridge Inspection Services:** A motion was made by Bekken, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to approve the proposal submitted by Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amount of \$1,400.00 for the 2008 Blue Star underwater bridge inspection. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

**B. Blue Star Bridge – Pier Cap Investigation & MDOT Fiscal Year 2011 Local Bridge Funding Application:** A motion was made by Spangler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Verplank, to approve the proposal submitted by Fleis & Vandenbrink in the amount of \$6,600.00 for pier cap investigation and MDOT fiscal year 2011 local bridge funding grant application. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Ordinance Amendment No. 080414-1 – Chapter 155 of the Zoning Ordinance Sections 155.005, 155.032, 155.033, 155.034:** A motion was made by Spangler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to approve an ordinance amendment to amend sections 155.005, 155.032, 155.033, 155.034 of the zoning ordinance of the City of Saugatuck in its entirety with the addition of *Dimensions and area regulations* to section 155.034 as stated below as in sections 155.032 and 155.033. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

*In the event that any lawful nonconforming structure shall be damaged by fire, wind accident, act of God, or other such means or matter, reconstruction or restoration shall be permitted by right under the following conditions: Reconstruction is permitted within the original dimensions at every structural level and/or within the original gross finished floor area, including decks and patios, with the exception that no portion of the structure shall be reconstructed within, or so as to encroach on a public right-of-way or public easement, and all reconstruction or restoration of structures within a Flood Hazard Area shall conform to the State Construction Code. Any expansion shall be in full conformance with the requirements of the Zoning District.*

**D. Ordinance Amendment No. 080414-2 – Zoning Map Amendment:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnson, to amend the City of Saugatuck zoning map as presented. Upon roll call the, the motion carried unanimously.

**E. Resolution No. 080414-A – Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities Grant:** A motion was made by Spangler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to approve Resolution No. 080414-A accepting the Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities Grant. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**F. Resolution No. 080414-B – Douglas Dutchers Letter of Understanding:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bekken, to deny Resolution No. 080414-B to donate \$200 to the organization Vintage Base Ball Association due to the fact that there was no conference held in the Saugatuck/Douglas area in 2008. Upon roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

**G. Board of Review Appointment:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to table the Board of Review appointment of Henry VanSingel to the next regular City Council meeting. Upon roll call the motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas: Johnson & Simon  
Nays: Bekken, Spangler, Verplank & Vettori  
Absent: Hess

A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bekken to appoint Henry VanSingel to the Saugatuck Board of Review with said term expiring January 1, 2009. Upon roll call the motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Verplank, Bekken, Spangler, Johnson & Vettori  
Nays: Simon  
Absent: Hess

**H. Request for Proposal – Refuse Collection:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Simon, to approve the refuse collection request for proposal and authorize the City Manager to publish in the local newspaper. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**I. FOIA Appeal – March 24, 2008 FOIA Request:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spangler, to authorize the Mayor to notify the appellant that the City has determined, as permitted by Section 10(2)(d) of the Freedom of Information Act, that unusual circumstances exist and to notify the

appellant that the City will extend by up to 10 business days the period during which the City will respond to the written appeal. The Council finds that the extension is necessary in order to determine what records are being requested by the appellant and in order to accept the appellant's offer to forward copies of the records he is requesting, as stated in the first basis point of his appeal. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

**J. McClendon Property – Future Lease Negotiation Protocol:** A motion was made by Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spangler, to give the Property Committee the authority to meet with Saugatuck LLC on April 21, 2008 and to report back to City Council. Upon voice vote the motion carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Johnson, Spangler, Simon, Bekken & Vettori

Nays: Verplank

Absent: Hess

**14. Consent Agenda:** None.

**15. Public Comments:** Harold Thieda, 115 Van Dalson, feels that McClendon as the property owner should bring before Council or the Property Committee a draft property lease and at that time begin the property lease discussion. Without a lease on the table for discussion he feels this is a misuse of time.

Bonnie Wilkins, 439 Butler and Saugatuck Dunes Coastal Alliance, commends Councils actions on the direction they are taking with the sensitive McClendon property lease issue.

**16. Communications:**

**A. Citizen Letter Regarding Park Street Zoning:** Accepted as information.

**B. Saugatuck Township Notice of Public Hearing:** Accepted as information.

**C. Arbor Day Foundation – Tree City USA:** Accepted as information.

**D. 2007 Recycling Report:** Accepted as information.

**E. Saugatuck/Douglas Police Department Focused Investigation Strategy:** Accepted as information.

**17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports:** City Council received reports from the following: Planning Commission and Police Committee.

**18. Council Comments:** None.

**19. Adjournment:** Mayor Vettori adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman  
City Clerk