

**Minutes
Saugatuck City Council Meeting
Saugatuck, Michigan, January 25, 2010**

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 Johnson at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Attendance:**
Present: Spangler, Johnson, Hess, Verplank, Van Singel & Vettori
Absent: Bekken
Others Present: City Manager Harrier & City Clerk Looman
4. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Spangler, to approve the January 11, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
5. **Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Johnson announced that City Council was signing letters of appreciation to individuals that helped in acquiring the Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area.
6. **City Manager's Report:** City Manager Harrier reported on cost savings on City utility bills; presented each Council Member with a millage rate analysis for the previous year; clarified safety concerns with regards to acquiring the Saugatuck Harbor Natural Area.
7. **Agenda Changes:** None
8. **Guest Speakers:** None
9. **Public Comment:** None
10. **Request for Payment:** A motion was made by Vettori, 2nd by Van Singel, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$182,662.69. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
11. **Public Hearings:** None
12. **Unfinished Business:** None
13. **New Business:**
 - A. **Resolution 100125-A – Poverty Exemption Guidelines:** A motion was made by Van Singel, 2nd by Hess, to approve Resolution No. 100125-A to establish policy and guidelines for 2010 used in granting poverty exemptions from property tax. Upon roll call the motion carried unanimously.
 - B. **Cemetery Review Board Appointment:** A motion was made by Hess, 2nd by Verplank, to approve the Mayor's recommendation of Tony Vettori to serve on the Cemetery Budget Review Board with no said term. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
14. **Consent Agenda:** A motion was made by Verplank, 2nd by Spangler, to approve the following consent agenda items. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.
 - A. **SABA Town Crier Race – April 10, 2010**
 - B. **SABA Music In The Park – June 23 thru September 1, 2010**
 - C. **Community Pride Day – May 17, 2010**
15. **Public Comment:** None

16. Communications:

A. J. Breen Legal Cost Memo – *Accepted as information.*

B. Saugatuck Douglas Garden Club – *Accepted as information.*

C. Saugatuck Township Fire Board Minutes – *Accepted as information.*

17. Boards, Commissions & Committee Reports: Council received reports from the following committee(s): Police Committee, Planning Commission & K.L.S.W.A.

18. Council Comments:

19. Adjournment: Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Looman
City Clerk