

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Jerry Bekken, Morg Edgcomb, Cliff Asbel, Bill Kaye, and Marty Raebel.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 3/8/04, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 3/22/04, **Motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Kaye asked for verification of Beaver Research oil & antifreeze cleaner. Blok stated it is an enzyme that biodegrades the products. Kaye asked about the Knox box re-keying charges. Blok explained the Knox boxes and added after several officers left he did not get their keys back and felt it necessary to re-key the boxes. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept bills in the amount of \$18,009.82, payroll of \$10,407.68.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Board discussed additional investment opportunities. Kaye talked about presenting the new budget for the 3 municipalities in joint session pointing out advantages for explaining the budget and answering questions at the same time. Wright stated the expenses and donations for Bud Schreckengust's memorial service have all been entered and there is an amount due to the checking account from the donation pool. **Motion by Kaye/Asbel to transfer \$556.74 from the donation pool to cover expenses for memorial service.** Carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT**

- A. Blok stated asphalt on the fire barn driveway is chipping off where it meets with the shoulder of Blue Star Highway. He suggested repairing the asphalt by cutting a 3' strip out and filling with concrete. Blok stated he has an estimate for repairs of \$1,600.00. Board discussion took place.
- B. Blok stated they had talked about installing an alarm system in the station. Originally the cost to install was to be around \$400, but found the cost with sensors would be \$500 and \$22/month to monitor. Board weighed the needs of the alarm system against the driveway repairs. Blok stated he felt it important to fix the driveway. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve \$1,600 for driveway repairs.** Motion carried unanimously.

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- C. The department has applied for an \$85,000 grant for air paks and turn out gear. The grant is a 20% match of local funds and the new budget should include those dollars.
- D. 119 calls to date, 11 ahead of last year. Board discussed the recent fire at Oostings furniture store. Blok stated the aerial truck performed well as did the mutual aid.
- E. Ladder testing is being done tomorrow.
- F. The fire boat is being worked on. Currently installing the old fire pumps. It could be ready to launch in the next couple of weeks.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

Asbel read a letter he composed to Cummins and will e-mail a copy to the Chief. There being no further business, **motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.