

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, August 8th, 2005 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaye at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Jerry Bekken, Reggie Smith, and Bill Kaye.

Arriving Late: Lance Winchester, and Cliff Asbel.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 7/11/05, **Motion by Smith/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 7/25/05, under *Chief's Report, Item 2.* Kaye requested to add at the end of the sentence "creating extended lead time". **Motion by Bekken/Smith to accept as amended.** Carried unanimously.

Winchester arrived at 7:38

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills. Kaye asked for clarification of the C-Comm bill for headset & adapter. Blok stated they are for the tower.

Asbel arrived at 7:39

Motion by Bekken/Smith to approve bills in the amount of \$6,972.39 and payroll in the amount of \$31,155.31. Carried unanimously.

- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye noted the cash balance in checking was low. Wright stated she recently transferred \$25,000 from the class pool account and remains watchful of the balances. Asbel inquired as to the increase in operating supply expenditures, Wright noted radio repairs are now being posted to that account per Board request.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lakeshore Drive Fire Lane. Smith reported a Kalamazoo contact that has engineered exit ramps and could work with the department to create one on I-196 at 126th Ave. Kaye stated he visited the area and the ramp would only save a couple of miles. Board discussion took place and they agreed to get a cost estimate and keep on hand.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. Blok stated he has been made aware of the Douglas Downtown Authority's intent to form a tax increment finance district (TIFD) which would have the potential to reduce the department's tax revenue, and asked if any board members would be interested in studying it further. Bekken agreed to talk to Douglas authorities and get more information.
- B. Hose truck is basically finished and training will begin at Wednesday's departmental meeting. Blok stated his satisfaction with how well it turned out.
- C. 346 calls to date, 295 same time last year.
- D. Worker Compensation insurance audit revealed an additional \$1,200 premium due.
- E. Blok reported contacting another supplier of the wild land fire suits and was not impressed with their quality. He suggested waiting to order until after the DNR grant that we applied for is awarded sometime in October, adding if we are not awarded the money then we can go ahead with the intent to utilize donated funds.
- F. Consumers Energy has been billed twice now for calls. Have received \$405 for watching over the smoking transformer outside of Toulouse restaurant. Will wait to see if they pay the first bill, but noted their response time now has been under an hour. Kaye agreed money is not the issue but keeping response time reasonable is.
- G. Received \$988 court settlement from the fire that was started due to burning with out a permit. Now the township has a bill from their attorney for attending the court hearing. Blok updated the Board as to events around the lawsuit. Discussion ensued and Board agreed to wait and see if the attorney bills the department before approving payment.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Asbel to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.