



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order by Chair Verplank at 4:00pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance (*Stand if you are able*):
3. Roll Call:  
**PRESENT: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, T. Pullen, C. North**  
**ABSENT:**  
**Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, P. Stanislawski, W. Bales**
4. Reminder: It is requested the board silences cell phones and put them away for the duration of the meeting.
5. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*):  
**Verplank requested the deletion of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes.**  
**Motion by Beckman, second by Fox to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion, motion passes by unanimous voice vote.**
6. Special Guest:
  - A. None
7. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. **September 15, 2025 – Regular Meeting – [Page 2](#)**  
**Motion by Pullen, second by Beckman, approve the minutes of the 9/15/2025 Regular Meeting as presented.**  
**No discussion. Motion passes by unanimously by voice vote.**
8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: (*The Fire Board requests that speakers respect the three-minute time limit for individual comments and the five-minute time limit for an individual speaking on behalf of a group. This is not a question-and-answer session, it is an opportunity to voice your thoughts with the Fire Board.*)
  - A. **None**
9. Request for Payment:
  - A. **Accounts Payable (Roll Call Vote) -[page 7](#)**  
**Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Fox, to pay the invoices in the amount of \$291,072.14**  
**no discussion.**  
**YAYS: Phelps, Fox, Aldrich, Beckman, Verplank, Pullen, North**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**Motion passes: 7:0.**
  - B. **Financial Report – [Page 10](#)**
    1. **Financial Report presented by P. Stanislawski**
10. Fire Chief Comments:
  - A. **Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls – [Page 12](#)**
    1. **Incidents – 917 year to date**
      - a. **Calls are up 3% compared to last year.**
    2. **Average Response Time year to date – 7:37**
  - B. **Cost Recovery – Update**
    1. **CR24-0687 – Payment Received – Paid in Full - \$520.00**
    2. **CR25-0903 – Payment Received – Paid in Full - \$932.50**



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- C. Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Cost – Increased 16.7%
- D. Grant – The Gerald H. and Jeannette E. Bekken Trust - \$9,092.49 – Thank You Card was Sent – [Page 14](#)

## 11. Unfinished Business:

- A. 415 Wiley Road – Bond Update
- B. Intersection Comparison – Blue Star Highway – Pre/Post Roundabout install July 24, 2024 – Chart – [Page 15](#)
  - 1. Chief presented to the Fire Board the data supporting a decrease in accidents since the roundabout was installed.
- C. Hiring Process – 3 – Full Time Firefighters – Update
  - 1. Chief Janik presented to the Fire Board the New Full Time Firefighters.
  - 2. Chad Brink, Andrew Peak, and Evan Wetzal

## 12. New Business:

- A. Request to Approve – Required Annual Physicals For All Personnel Not to Exceed - \$15,000. 00 (Roll Call Vote)  
Motion by Pullen, second by North, to approve the funding Required Annual Physicals For All Personnel Not Exceed \$15,000.00.  
YAYS: Pullen, North, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Phelps  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passes: 7.0
- B. MABAS – Mutual Aid – See Packet, Discussion, Request Approval ( Roll Call Vote) – [Page 17](#)  
Motions by Phelps, second by Pullen, to approve Saugatuck Township Fire District to pressure MABAS  
YAYS: Phelps, Pullen, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: North  
Motion passes: 6.0

## 13. Correspondence:

- A. Thank You Cards – 4 Received, See Packet – [Page 21](#)

## 14. Public Comments: *(The Fire Board requests that speakers respect the three-minute time limit for individual comments and the five-minute time limit for an individual speaking on behalf of a group. This is not a question-and-answer session, it is an opportunity to voice your thoughts with the Fire Board.)*

## 15. Fire Board Comments:

- A. Aldrich – None
- B. Beckman – Question regarding the Lakeshore Drive alternate route.
- C. Fox – None
- D. Verplank –None
- E. Phelps – None
- F. Pullen – None
- G. North – None

## 16. Adjournment:

- A. Meeting adjourned at 4:49pm.

### NOTICE

Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.  
Please contact Saugatuck Township Fire District at 269-857-3000 for further information.