



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – November 18th, 2024

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:00pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance *(Stand if you are able):*
3. Roll Call:
PRESENT: E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, T. Pullen, C. North
ABSENT: S. Aldrich, S. Phelps
Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, D.C. Mantels, 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):*
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Fox, to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **September 16th, 2024 – Closed Session Meeting**
Motion by Beckman, 2nd by North, to approve the minutes of the 9/16/2024 closed session meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.
 - B. **October 21st, 2024, 2024 – Regular Meeting**
Motion by Fox, 2nd by Beckman, to approve the minutes of the 10/21/2024 regular meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.
 - C. **November 11th, 2024 – Special Meeting**
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Fox, to approve the minutes of the 11/11/2024 special meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.
7. 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**
8. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Beckman, 2nd by Fox, to pay the invoices in the amount of \$159,090.76. No discussion.
YAYS: Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Pullen, North
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Aldrich, Phelps
Motion passes: 5:0.



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B. Financial Report

- i. Financial Report was not reviewed due to Peter's absence.

9. Fire Chief Comments:

A. Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls

1. Incidents – 985 year to date

- i. Up 19% Year to Date from 2023.
- ii. As of today at 1025 incidents broke the all-time record from 2022 with 1023 incidents with six weeks remaining in the year.
- iii. 32% overlapping incidents.

2. Average Response Time year to date – 6:25

B. Cost Recovery Update

1. Received \$4,437.00 – Incident #240801

C. Traffic Management Apparatus – Update

1. The truck is here and out front for viewing.
2. It is scheduled for emergency lighting installations and radio in mid-December.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 5291 – 2nd Reading (*Roll Call Vote*)

1. Mike Betts was requested to come up and present the CBA.
2. Mike reviewed the first few highlights and thanked the committee and Chief Janik for the great discussion and collaboration on the contract.
3. Discussion ensued about sending it to legal or not.

Motion by Fox, 2nd by Pullen, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Saugatuck Area Professional Firefighters Union, Local 5291 for July 1st, 2024, through June 30th, 2027, as presented in the meeting packet conditional upon legal review by the attorneys. No discussion.

YAYS: Fox, Pullen, Beckman, Verplank, North

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldrich

Motion passes: 5:0.

B. Engine #2112 – 2011 KME International – Pending Inspection / Offer

1. Chief Janik presented the current offer of \$229,000 and presented some pros and cons of selling vs. keeping for the board to consider.
2. Discussion ensued regarding space and apparatus replacement costs.
3. Discussion ensued could we add space for apparatus as part of the future building renovations.
4. Could we look at getting a portable with office space and a boardroom?
5. This really shows that we need a new building or at least a bigger building.

Motion by Beckman, 2nd by Pullen to keep Engine #2112 and remove it from listing for sale. No further discussion.

YAYS: Beckman, Pullen, Fox, Verplank, North

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldrich

Motion passes: 5:0.



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11. New Business:

A. Annual Appreciation Dinner – Saturday, January 18th, 2025

- 1. Discussion ensued regarding the date and Beckman said if it works for your schedule, please go ahead with it.**

12. Correspondence:

A. None

13. 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.)*

- A. Mike Betts, on behalf of Local 5291 thanks for the great collaboration and he is also grateful for keeping Engine 2112.**

14. Fire Board Comments:

Aldrich – Absent

Beckman – Thanks to the CBA team and the Local as it seemed to go smooth.

Fox – Keep the building discussions going and on the forefront.

Verplank – None

Phelps - Absent

Pullen – Really proud of how everyone handled the CBA and really happy it's the way it went.

North – Adding her congratulations to the bargaining team and it is a good outcome.

15. Adjournment:

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:03pm.**

NOTICE

Requests for accommodation or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.
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