



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – May 5th, 2025

APPROVED WORKSHOP MINUTES

Fire Board Workshop Meeting Location at:

Former Holland Hospital Suite / New City of Douglas Government Complex
415 Wiley Road
Douglas, MI 49406

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: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, T. Pullen, C. North
Absent: None
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 Phelps, second by Pullen to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.
6. 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
7. Fire Chief Comments:
A. Cost Recovery – Received \$300.00
B. Allegan County Safe School Network Conference
1. Updated the board on the annual Allegan County Safe School Network Conference.
8. Unfinished Business:
A. None
9. New Business:
A. Retainment & Recruitment – Weekend Dinner Grocery Stipend Discussion Friday and Saturday night.
1. Dinner allowance for duty crew weekends. Which would be divided to \$50.00 per night.
2. Will discuss further on 5-19-2025 regular board meeting.
B. MDOT Attenuator Trailer Lease
1. Chief Janik presented the MDOT Attenuator Trailer.
2. Discuss further at the 5-19-2025 Regular Board Meeting.
C. Southern Station Potential Expansion – Site Visit, View Plans, and Discussion



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1. Chief Janik presented a Potential Southern Station Expansion Site Plans at 415 Wiley Road.
2. Further discussion on Southern Station Potential Expansion with a 20-to-30-minute set aside at each meeting.

10. Correspondence:

A. None

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A. None

12. Fire Board Comments:

Aldrich: None

Beckman: Life Ambulance to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Fox: None

Verplank: None

Phelps: Thinks a secondary station is worth pursuing.

Pullen: Thank all the staff for doing all this work.

North: None

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm

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.