

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, January 13th, 2003 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:33 p.m.
Present: Bekken, Edgcomb, Asbel, Kaye, Raebel

Absent: None.

Also present: Chief Blok.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 12/09/02, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

A. Discussion and approval of bills. Board discussed and verified several bills. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept the bills in the amount of \$9,723.04, payroll in the amount of \$10,210.00.** Carried unanimously.

B. Financial Review. Kaye noted the year is 50% through and verified the revenue from property taxes would be forthcoming. Board reviewed the detail of account #727 and asked to reclassify several expenses.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kaye asked about the status of the loan for the new tanker truck. Board discussion ensued and it was decided to have the township free legal aid write a letter stating the department is tax exempt thereby clearing the way for the loan to be processed by Macatawa Bank. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to proceed with processing of loan for tanker truck through Macatawa Bank and to move cash accounts from Chemical Bank to Macatawa Bank.** Carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

1. Blok presented the year end report. Kaye acknowledged the average response time of 5.85 minutes as phenomenal.
2. 11 calls to date, same as last year.
3. Blok presented a donation check for \$150 from Night Magic thanking the department for their help loading fireworks equipment.
4. Incentive program for departmental members was introduced in 1995. ~~Blok discovered the program does not cover the department due to members receiving stipend~~ Blok has been notified by Standard Security, the administrator of the incentive program, that they can not continue to serve STFD due to the fact our members are financially compensated for their time. Standard Security wants to refund all monies previously paid and drop STFD as a customer. Board discussed options and asked Wright to set up the township attorney during free legal advice day to discuss legal options with Blok.

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5. 1982 Pick-Up has a bad engine. Can put a used engine in it for \$450 and Joe Fucile can install with some help from Fleet Services. **Motion by Kaye/Asbel to approve the purchase.** Carried unanimously.
6. 1991 truck title now cleared of the lien and in the proper name. 1988 Stuphen title now cleared of the lien. 2003 Kenworth currently shows clear title but will need to have a lien placed on it when the loan has been established.
7. Presently working on new ISO ratings. Current rates are 6 in the Village, City, and for establishments within 1000 feet of a hydrant in the Township. Working on reducing the rest of the Township from 9 down to a 7.
8. Fireman's appreciation party will be January 25th.
9. Repainted the interior of the station. Replastered some walls. **Motion by Raebel/Kaye to pay departmental member Greg Janik for his time spent on the repairs.** Carried unanimously.
10. Will need to make a decision on the Coast Guard boat. Kaye stated he presented the idea to the City which met with unanimous support to expand service to include open water rescue. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to move forward with the acquisition of the Coast Guard boat.** Board discussed training and staffing issues. Motion to acquire boat passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Raebel to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.