

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 10, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, March 10th, 2003 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:30 p.m.
Present: Bekken, Asbel, Kaye, Raebel and Edgcomb.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Chief Blok.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 2/10/03, under Audience "A" sixth sentence- Blok suggested changing "scrapped" to "parted". **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as amended.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 2/24/03, **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Kaye asked for verification of air pak testing expenses. **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to accept the bills in the amount of \$15,139.85, payroll in the amount of \$9,134.62.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Board discussion regarding the financial position took place.
- C. Proposed Budget To Date. Discussion took place as to the preliminary budget figures presented by Chief, finance committee will review, revise, and present to the Board at a later date for further discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kaye noted SHS Boosters are asking for members to participate in an upcoming benefit basketball game.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Chief asked to clarify a previous statement in regard to open water rescue noting the department has trained in water rescue.
- B. Asbel asked about the follow up on Rick Zoulek. Blok stated the new personnel committee would be addressing the issue at the next meeting.
- C. Asbel asked for verification as to West Shore Fire's qualifications for air compressor repairs. Blok stated the department will need to investigate further as to what level of involvement West Shore will be with their services.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. FEMA Grant. Blok turned over the application for the grant to Bekken who will forward to Steve Laughner, Laughner, a Douglas resident, will assist the department in grant writing.
- B. Personnel committee met with new member Philip Dalton and gave very positive feedback.
- C. Coast Guard boat will be loaded in the morning and brought here.
- D. Blok talked with Township Building Inspector, Al Ellingsen regarding the driveway that

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previously was inaccessible and was again inaccessible during a medical call last night. Blok will follow up with another registered letter notifying them of the limited fire protection due to inability to access the residence.

- E. S.O.P.'s are now in the computer and the Board should plan on reviewing them at the next workshop meeting.
- F. Mutual aid agreements are now updated. Currently working with Ganges Township to include them as well.

AUDIENCE

Departmental member, Bill Reed, read a letter of resignation. Kaye commented it is unfortunate Reed feels this way. Blok stated Reed has not gone to any personnel committee member voicing his concerns. Kaye requested it be noted for the record that Reed was under suspension at the time of his resignation.

There being no further business, **motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.