

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 24, 2003**

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, March 24th, 2003 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Raebel, Edgcomb, Bekken, and Asbel.

Absent: Kaye.

Also present: Chief Blok.

AUDIENCE

None

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

1. Bill Kaye provided a letter due to his absence.
2. Fire Boat (item #2 on Bill's letter). Launch new boat first, hold old boat before selling until new boat is tested. Chief estimates a \$2,000 budget for putting boat in service with appropriate radios and miscellaneous equipment. Transportation costs were \$2,160, purchase price was \$2,500. **Motion by Raebel/Edgcomb to offer for sale the River Queen Fire Boat either complete as a fire boat or as a pleasure boat with fire equipment removed, once the department is satisfied with the performance of the new boat, tentatively by July.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Raebel/Bekken to allow a budget not to exceed \$3,000, without further board approval, for the purpose of equipment and diesel inspection and initial start-up expenses for the new boat.** Motion carried unanimously.
3. Board will respond to Bill Reed's letter. The Local Observer newspaper contacted Chief Blok and said Reed's resignation will be in the paper the week of March 26. **Motion by Raebel/Asbel to consult with attorney Bill Coupe to determine what board action may be recommended.** Board will wait for attorney response and discuss whether there is a need for a special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Review of by-laws in regards to Fire Chief, Article V: Fire Chief shall be responsible for all phases of Fire Department operations.
5. The following topics will be discussed at the April 3rd 9th fire meeting:
 - a. Clarify chain of responsibilities and educate department members in department management.
 - b. Discuss how the incentive program works.

There being no further business, **Motion by Raebel/Asbel to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Cliff Asbel, rec. sec.