

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, April 14th, 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 3/10/03, under *Audience*, Kaye added the last sentence "Kaye requested it be noted for the record that Reed was under suspension at the time of his resignation." **Motion by Bekken/Kaye to accept as amended.** Carried unanimously.

Pertaining to the minutes of 3/24/03, under *Chief's Report, #5*, Blok corrected the date of the meeting to the 9th. **Motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to accept as amended.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to accept the bills in the amount of \$19,648.60, payroll in the amount of \$10,050.00.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Board discussed interest income.
- C. Finalize Budget. Kaye asked to revisit this agenda item after completing the rest of the agenda. With no objection from the Board, Raebel continued with the next item.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board reviewed letter from attorney Bill Coupe which recommended having the Michigan State Police investigate allegations of embezzlement and larceny. **Motion by Bekken/Kaye to request Raebel approach MSP to request a full investigation of the allegations made by suspended department member William Reed.** Board discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Referring to 3/10/03 minutes, Kaye asked if a letter was written to property owners of the unreachable driveway. Blok stated he has not written the letter yet, but it would be forthcoming and would hand delivery the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Bekken reported on the personnel committee meeting, asking if the Board had received a copy of the survey taken by Rick Zoulek. Board discussion ensued, Blok stated he would bring a copy for all board members to review at the next workshop meeting. Board discussed the incentive program.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. Boat will have a few things done to it tomorrow and it will be ready to launch, but needs 100 amp service at the dock. City will turn the electric service at Willow Park over to the department which could then be extended for the 100 amp service at a cost of \$1,073.00. **Motion by Edgcomb/Kaye to allow the additional expense for 100 amp electric service and meter to run from Willow Park.** Board discussed the electric draw of the boat. Motion carried unanimously.

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- B. I.S.O. rating person was in last week and will return but not getting a good report as of this point due to problems with hydrant maintenance through KLSWA. The new tanker reacted well for I.S.O. and we are approved to do our own ladder and pump testing.
- C. Water line to the old building has thawed out and there does not appear to be any leaks.
- D. Request for funds to seal parking lot in next year's budget.

AUDIENCE

None.

BUDGET

Kaye reviewed the proposed budget with the board and discussion ensued. **Motion by Raebel/Kaye to approve the 2003/2004 budget as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. Asbel recommended raising capital by selling unused equipment. Kaye noted there are 2 trucks currently for sale and will have the old fire boat for sale once the new boat has been proven. **Motion by Kaye/Asbel to lower the asking price of the ladder and squirt trucks from \$12,000 to \$9,800 each.** Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, **motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.