

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 28, 2003**

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, April 28th, 2003 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Raebel, Kaye, Edgcomb, Bekken, and Asbel.

Absent: None.

Also present: Chief Blok.

AUDIENCE

1. Jane Wright, Saugatuck Township Clerk, was present to discuss the proposed budget. Wright suggested keeping the current 1.4550 property tax millage and budget for the planned sale of fixed assets (ladder truck, squirt and fire boat) to offset the shortfall. Kaye stated the budget is at a level needed to operate and budgeting for possible sales would be irresponsible if the sales did not happen. He added the previous year millage decrease was a one time effort but not necessarily possible each year.
2. Steve Laughner, Village of Douglas Councilman, discussed the grant proposal he wrote for the department in the amount of \$62,280 for the purchase of air paks. The Board thanked Laughner for his efforts in writing the grant. Laughner discussed the proposed millage increase and asked several questions.
3. The Board discussed the performance of KLSWA. A letter of request was proposed to the Councils of Douglas Village, City of Saugatuck, and Saugatuck Township stating "request a date within the next 90 days for KLSWA to submit to a mock ISO community hydrant test." **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to authorize the Chief write letter as recommended.** Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

1. The By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures are in the computer. Article X, Item 9 states "members must reside within five miles of the station." Would like to change to "within a two-mile radius of Saugatuck Township". **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to change as suggested.** Motion carried unanimously.
2. Photo ID cards will be made for all fire district members on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the station. A reminder memo will be posted. The fire board members will have their ID made at their next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the station.
3. New member, Scott Seymour from Douglas is applying for a firefighter position.

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

Cliff Asbel, rec. sec.