

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
MAY 12, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, May 12th, 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 4/14/03, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 4/28/03, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Board discussion took place. **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to accept the bills in the amount of \$11,469.02, payroll in the amount of \$19,550.00.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Kaye noted delinquent tax still due.
- C. Budget, verify next step. Board discussed what options are available for the Fire Board depending on what the three municipalities decide.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Asbel asked about replies from the letter sent to municipalities requesting a mock ISO test from KLSWA. Blok stated he is addressing that item in his report.
- B. Asbel asked to see the survey of the departmental members as taken by Rick Zoulek as it was not presented at the last workshop meeting. Kaye reiterated the survey was not conclusive and was irrelevant. Blok stated he would bring a copy of the survey to Asbel's business for his review.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. Blok read an article from the Grand Rapids Press and voiced his displeasure with a statement pertaining to the retirement funding. He asked to receive confirmation from MERS verifying his benefit is in place regardless of the unfunded liability.
- B. New I.D. cards have been issued and cards will be made for the board members at the next workshop meeting, which happens to fall on Memorial Day. Board discussed rescheduling the meeting and decided to hold it on Wednesday, May 28th at 7:30, at the fire barn. Wright requested a posting be placed on the door of the fire barn notifying the change in meeting dates. Blok will perform the posting.
- C. State Police investigation. Wright stated she was contacted by the Lieutenant and the investigation has been assigned, but a start date is still unknown.

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- D. Letters to the municipalities regarding mock ISO test by KLSWA were read. Board discussed hydrant specifications and maintenance requirements in depth.
- E. Boat update. Electric for the dock has been done. Boat to launch Thursday and should arrive at the dock on Monday or Tuesday. A marine radio and fire radio have been mounted, GPS will be installed. Board discussed getting a used radar unit. Kaye asked for a plan for crewing the boat. Blok stated the Grand Haven Coast Guard will be fully training all Officers and additional personnel. A crew plan will include 4 to 5 people in addition to 1 Officer. Department will consider including people from the community that are experienced boat operators.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Kaye to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.