

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

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, July 28th, 2003 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: Chief Blok.

AUDIENCE

None.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

1. The black top sealing in the parking lot is overdue. Board acknowledged the need to repair and approved the use of funds from the maintenance budget to cover cost.
2. First Responder class will be started on September 29th with six people from our department attending. The cost will be \$300 per person.
3. Board discussed a boat engine problem with the new fire boat. Board acknowledged the River Queen fire boat was launched with exceptional speed. Three quotes for engine repairs have been received:
 - a. Cummins
 - b. ASI
 - c. VanEck

Process suggested:

- a. Take boat out of water
- b. Remove the engine (internal labor).
- c. Minor disassembly plus examination.
- d. John to do state search with government for surplus engine.
- e. Delive motor to AIS Corporation in Grand Rapids.
- f. Re-installation to be done by AIS and Joe.
- g. Launch and sea trial in Fall to test out the work.
- h. An amount not to exceed \$7,500 for repairs.

Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve the suggested process. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Asbel voting no, stating "I believe strongly that engine repairs should be made to the new fire boat. The need for funds, in this regard, were not unexpected, and I brought this up at the time of procurement of the boat. However, the Board did not budget for the amount required. My no vote was solely on the grounds that a source of money, either donated for this purpose of from the Memorial Fund, be used and that it not come from the already tight operating budget".

There being no further business, **Motion by Raebel/Kaye to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Cliff Asbel, rec. sec.