

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 8/11/03, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 8/25/03, under *Chief's Report, #1*, Asbel suggested changing the word "replaced" to "reinstalled" to clarify that the same engine will be used. Under *Unfinished Business, #2*, Raebel stated the investigation has not been concluded. Kaye suggested a revision to the sentence to accurately reflect Doane's statement. Blok asked Wright to voice a misunderstanding she had with *Unfinished Business, #1*. Wright suggested clarifying "Toulouse FDC"; Kaye asked to add "restaurant" and "(fire department connection)" to make the sentence more evident. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as amended.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Kaye asked for verification of BOR tax tribunal charge backs. Wright stated it is a return of property tax as a result of the Board of Review and will expand the description to reflect that. Asbel asked if the August expense for pager repairs is typical, Blok stated the pagers were purchased 3 or 4 years prior and they do experience some wear and tear. He added they let pagers in need of repair build up and take several to Tele-Rad at the same time. **Motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to accept bills in the amount of \$12,182.94, payroll of \$13,009.60.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Asbel requested to add prior year comparison reports to packets.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Kaye presented a letter to boat owners informing them of the fire boat operations as well as the department's availability to accept donations. He submitted a copy for the minutes and suggested ways to further inform boat owners. Board discussion ensued.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Kaye reported meeting with the City of Saugatuck Council in executive session to discuss ongoing litigation with Toulouse restaurant and the fire department connection referred to in the 8/25/03 minutes. Kaye stated the Chief and department inspector were able to inform council members of the situation.
- B. Asbel updated board on the fire hydrant conditions in the Village stating the council approved the purchase of 4 new hydrants and are improving a 5<sup>th</sup> with a raised pipe and new hydrant. Discussion ensued about hydrant sizes for replacement.
- C. Asbel asked for suggestions to rename the memorial fund. Discussion took place as to a more descriptive name. **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to rename the Memorial Fund to Donation Fund.** Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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**CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT**

- A. Old fire boat has been sold for \$15,000, hull and two engines only. Will strip the boat of fire equipment after the \$800 deposit check clears the bank.
- B. Tony Schippa will start fire school at MSU to advance his level of Fire Inspector. The cost of the school is \$545.
- C. First Responder school starts September 26<sup>th</sup> and we have seven members that will attend at a cost of \$300 each.
- D. 367 calls to date, 374 same time last year.
- E. Boat engine has been checked at AIS on a dyno machine and will be ready after Wednesday when it will be reinstalled in the boat.
- F. Joe Fucille has found 2 engines in North Carolina for the boat if the department would like them for parts at a cost of \$1000 each. Kaye stated it would be a wise decision to purchase them. **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to purchase both engines for \$2000.** Asbel stated he would like to receive the money from the old boat before purchasing the engines. Asbel also asked how much the AIS bill would be. Blok was unsure, but stated the boat hull will last forever and the only problem might be with the engines. Board discussion ensued. Raebel called the question and the motion carried 4 to 1 with Asbel voting no based on the principle of not spending unbudgeted money.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.