

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 13, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, October 13<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, Raebel and Edgcomb.

Absent: Kaye.

Also Present: Chief Blok.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 9/8/03, **Motion by Edgcomb/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 9/22/03, **Motion by Bekken/Asbel to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Raebel asked for verification of the Sam's club purchase, Blok stated the computer software was an update of Windows XP. **Motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to accept bills in the amount of \$9,452.20, payroll of \$10,407.68.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Board had no questions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. MSP Report. Wright stated she contacted Detective Matt Doane who requested documentation on three items which she will gather and forward to him. After receiving the information he will turn everything over to the prosecutor to evaluate.
- B. Asbel stated they have received the money from the old fire boat and discussed the opportunity to amend the budget allowing for the extra revenue and increasing the budget for certain expenses and requested the Board consider their options.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT**

- A. AIS bill. Blok stated that Kaye still has to go over the bill in detail, but suggested paying 50% at this time. Asbel stressed the need to inform AIS of the board's concerns with Cummins. **Motion by Bekken/Asbel to approve paying \$4,000 to AIS.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. River Queen is sold and gone. Have received an offer of \$6,000 for ladder truck that has been refused as \$8,500 remains the selling price, and there is some interest from another party.
- C. Cummins bill. Blok discussed the bill for \$565 to have Cummins come down and diagnose the engine problem on the new fire boat. Board discussed alternatives to paying the bill due to extreme dissatisfaction with their service.
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> responder class has started. Have 7 personnel attending from our department.
- E. ISO rating has been improved after Blok notified them of errors found in their report.

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Current ratings for the Village and City went from 6 to 5, and the Township went from 9 to a 5 due to the mutual aid agreements and tanker shuttles. Residents will see a significant savings on their homeowners insurance. Blok added the Squirt truck was mentioned as part of the rating and suggested not selling it. The new tanker played a huge part in the rating, but added air packs and turn out gear will need to be replaced in the future which will cost around \$100,000. **Motion by Asbel/Bekken to temporarily suspend the advertising and sale of the Squirt truck to allow the Board to review the relation of the truck to the ISO rating.** Motion carried unanimously.

- F. Fire Prevention party was successful with \$1,172 collected in donations.
- G. Quick Books payroll tax update. Blok explained the payroll support has expired but did not approve of the automatic charge proposed by Intuit.
- H. 414 calls to date.

**AUDIENCE**

One person was present with out comment.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.