

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:31 p.m.  
Present: Bekken, Asbel, Kaye, Raebel and Edgcomb.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Chief Blok.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 10/13/03, **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 10/27/03, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Raebel asked if we are getting a better deal on the Nextel bill, Blok stated they have been in contact with Nextel and notified them of our tax exempt status to reduce the monthly charge. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept bills in the amount of \$26,453.39, payroll of \$29,507.56.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Asbel asked when it would be appropriate to amend the budget for the fire boat overage. Kaye stated typically we wait until late in the fiscal year to make a group budget amendment.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Kaye stated he was contacted by Macatawa Bank asking for a copy of the tanker title showing them as a lien holder. Blok stated he will forward another copy.
- B. Kaye talked with AIS and they will put the 2 Cummins 903 engines we purchased on a nationwide locator wire for \$4,000 each to see if anyone is interested in buying them.
- C. Kaye talked with Sgt. Matt Doane in regard to the investigation of the department. Doane stated he has turned over the assembled information to the prosecutor who will provide the board with a letter stating the findings.
- D. Asbel submitted a letter from Tom Kostka, USCG Machinery Technician, who reviewed the diagnostic job by Cummins on the engine/pump failure of the new fire boat. Kostka questioned the competence of Cummins diagnosis of the problem. Board discussion ensued and it was suggested to send a letter to Cummins maintaining negligence in their work. **Motion by Asbel/Kaye to submit letter.** Raebel suggested having a lawyer review the letter before sending. Discussion ensued. Motion to send the letter without attorney review carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT**

- A. Blok presented a brochure mailer seeking donations from boaters for fire boat expenses. Board approved proceeding with brochure printing.

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- B. Blok asked for a report from Wright relating to the auditor's request for quarterly payroll auditing. Wright informed the board of the new procedures in place to comply.
- C. Ganges fire department received a grant for air packs. Blok reported our grant was denied, but we did receive another application that will be completed and another FEMA grant will be available in the spring. Blok discussed actions taken by other departments who were successful in their grant applications, and the Fire Board agreed to be active during the next application by calling legislative members to promote the application.
- D. Fire member, Bud Schreckengust's funeral donations have totaled over \$600 to date.
- E. Blok asked for clarification of the \$600 annual dental reimbursement program. Blok stated he was under the impression any unused money could be banked. Kaye stated typically deductibles are annual and he felt the reimbursement would be annual as well.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.