

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 28, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, June 28th, 2004 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jerry Bekken, Cliff Asbel, Bill Kaye, and Marty Raebel.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: Morg Edgcomb.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2004/2005 PROPOSED BUDGET

Chairman Raebel opened the public hearing for comment on the 2004/2005 proposed budget.

Wright presented the budget package for review, commenting on the notes included with the annual budget figures. Having no public comment Raebel closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2003/2004 Budget Amendments. Wright presented line item budget amendments to allow for over and under expended accounts, noting that no transfers out of fund balance were needed and the year will be ending with an addition to fund balance. Kaye gave credit to the Chief and his Officers for the frugal operation of the department which reflected in the increase of \$33,000 to the fund balance. Kaye stated it would be interesting to take a few major expenses and plot them over several years. Asbel recommended looking at the ratio of several expenses to the amount of income. Asbel commented on interest rates and suggested closing the money market account and investing the money in a CD to increase interest earnings. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve the budget amendments as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Adopt 2004/2005 Budget. **Motion by Kaye/Asbel to adopt the 2004/2005 budget as presented and approved by the three municipalities.** Carried unanimously.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. Bekken asked if the department could get a listing of which fire hydrants KLSWA installed the adapters purchased by donations for the Village of Douglas. Blok stated there was enough money for 7 or 8 and they would be receiving a list soon.
- B. Blok reported the boat engine is in and running great. VanEck did a pump pressure test and both engines passed. No vibrations, and the trial run went well. He noted the department got a good deal on a good engine, presenting several ads for engines where they were asking for more money than what we paid. Asbel described the problem that was found with the failed water pump.
- C. Blok stated he met with Allegan County Road Commissioner Bill Nelson who came to the fire barn and inspected the driveway. Nelson gave the okay for the repairs and will forward the specifications to the concrete contractor. Mark Erlandson Concrete will be retained for the service.
- D. Radio test date is set for early August and the 911 system will be activated at that time.

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- E. Smoke detector stock is down to 7. Have placed about 160 so far and Blok asked if we should buy more. He added we get the best price break at 50 and suggested buying from Menards. Kaye stated his support for the purchase.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.