

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
AUGUST 9, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, August 9, 2004 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Boardmember Kaye at 7:36 p.m.

Present: Jerry Bekken, Morg Edgcomb, Bill Kaye, and Cliff Asbel.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: Marty Raebel.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 7/12/04, Kaye verified fit testing would not be necessary for the current fiscal year. Asbel verified the Board suggested overtime in the manner portrayed by the minutes. **Motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

Pertaining to the minutes of 7/26/04, **Motion by Asbel/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Asbel noted the opening of the new debit account. Kaye verified the old account was closed. **Motion by Bekken/Edgcomb to approve bills in the amount of \$11,960.86 and payroll in the amount of \$30,903.44.** Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Board acknowledged the balance sheet reflected healthy positions.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Kaye noted from the previous workshop meeting, board approval of the trial use of a rescue sled and made the suggestion that if the Chief would decide to purchase the sled, the monies be drawn from the donation fund. Chief stated the purchase price would be \$1,150. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to purchase the demo ice/water rescue sled with money from the donation fund for \$1,150.** Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT**

- A. The grant for new air packs has been approved. \$84,480 was the entire amount with \$76,032 coming from FEMA funds and 10% matching money from the department's current budget. Blok stated the people involved with writing the grant were Tony Schippa, Pat Smith, and himself, with assistance from Joe Fucile investigating equipment prices. Kaye recognized the Chief and his staff for an outstanding job of achieving the department goals. Board noted the tax savings to residents due to not having to raise the millage next year in order to purchase the equipment. Blok stated Congressman Pete Hoekstra supported the grant and would like to present the "big check" to the department Thursday at 11:00 am.
- B. Blok stated he received a certified cashiers check in the mail for \$3,000 from an anonymous donor. The check memo stated it was to be used for the fire boat with a note saying the donor saw the fire boat in the Venetian Parade.

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- C. Calls to date 297, same time last year 307.
- D. Blok stated he would like to send Tony to Inspector School in Lansing for 3 days. Board agreed and approved the expenditure.
- E. Received a letter from the U.S.D.A. offering a grant for 1<sup>st</sup> Responder purposes. The department will apply for it.
- F. Township burning ordinance is outdated. Blok submitted language for a revised ordinance and asked Wright to follow through with the Township Attorney and Board.
- G. Released the letter to A.I.S. last week but haven't heard anything back from them yet.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Asbel to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.