

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, September 13, 2004 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 8/9/04, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 8/23/04, **Motion by Bekken/Asbel to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Kaye asked for clarification of Fitzpatrick Electric bill for a hot stick, Blok confirmed the purchase was for water rescue drag hooks which are called hot sticks. Kaye verified the bill for Erlandson Concrete driveway repair was in the amount of the bid, Blok stated it was. Kaye asked why we just received a bill from Tower Marine for 2003 boat hauling. Blok acknowledged the bill has been outstanding while the charges were verified as being correct, he added the charge is right and should be paid. Kaye reminded Wright the rescue platform purchase in the amount of \$1,150.00 was to be taken from the donation fund. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve bills in the amount of \$8,456.08 and payroll in the amount of \$10,736.92.** Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. No comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wright informed the Board that CD #69733 was renewed for 9 months at 2.2% interest.

NEW BUSINESS

Asbel suggested during his absence in the winter, communication be maintained with other members to ensure a quorum for meetings.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. Air pack purchase price has been quoted by West Shore Fire for \$62,726. Turn out gear has been quoted by West Shore Fire for \$21,360. Total grant amount is \$84,480 with FEMA funds totaling \$76,032. We need to purchase 8 hard carrying cases for the air packs at \$140 each, 16 soft carrying cases at \$65 each, mask cartridge adapters for \$606, and cartridges for \$470. Would like to purchase new lighted rescue rope as well for \$390 which would bring the total for add-ons to \$3,626. Needed extra turn out gear such as a few helmets, gloves, etc. would total around \$2,000. Blok summarized the additional items with the \$8,448 matching funds for a total current year expenditure of \$14,074, noting at the previous meeting the Board approved \$13,264 as the expenditure but with the quotes received the department would have a lot more equipment. **Motion by Kaye/Edgcomb to authorize the funds as presented.** Board discussed the equipment

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would take care of all the department needs. Motion passed unanimously. Blok stated they are in the process of applying for a new fire prevention grant. Board asked how long before the equipment would be in place. Blok stated he expected the end of the year.

- B. Chief stated he has investigated into drawing from his MERS retirement fund while continuing to work. Wright verified MERS does allow for an individual to continue to work after filing for retirement and that the fund is healthy enough to sustain the benefit draw. Board discussion took place and agreed it is Blok's personal decision.
- C. Calls year to date are 354, last year 375. Calls are down due to the cool summer and less tourists.
- D. AIS General Manager sent a fax of the disputed bill for boat engine repairs totaling \$8,292 with a letter offering 3 options. Option A is to repair the engine water pump leaks, not including R & R labor. Option B is refund ½ the cost and the department keeps the engine. Option C is to give a full refund and they keep the engine. Asbel suggested taking option C, Kaye preferred option B. Discussion took place. **Motion by Asbel/Kaye to accept AIS Option C on the settlement offer received via fax on 9/13/04 for a full refund and at the time we receive a check for \$8,292.46 we will deliver the rebuilt water pump and engine assembly to them.** Motion passed unanimously. Board thanked Asbel for his efforts.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Kaye to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.