

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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, Bill Kaye, Marty Raebel and Cliff Asbel.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: Morg Edgcomb.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 9/13/04, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 9/27/04, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Board discussed several bills that pertained to the open house. **Motion by Kaye/Asbel to approve bills in the amount of \$11,111.24 and payroll in the amount of \$10,736.92.** Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Kaye verified the refund from AIS was charged to account #761, *Boat Maintenance* thereby giving the negative amount.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Kaye requested an update on the air pack/turn out gear grant status. Blok stated all equipment has been ordered and he will be submitting the bills directly to FEMA for funds transfer. Board discussed amount the department will be transferring to cover our share of the purchases.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. The open house kicking off fire prevention week was a success. Kaye, on behalf of the Board as a whole, acknowledged a tremendous effort by the department. Received \$1,030.00 in donations with 630 dinners and 250 hot dog meals being served. Chief stated it was the biggest turn out for an open house so far, but added there was one problem. Blok submitted a letter from resident Jim Mokma which stated he was unable to attend the open house due to the designated handicap parking space being blocked off. Blok then submitted a written response that explained why the handicap parking was blocked off, what arrangements were made for accommodating disabled persons, and a promise to improve the arrangements and handicap signage for the future.
- B. Department has submitted another grant application to FEMA in the amount of \$95,000 for fire prevention. Board discussed potential uses of the money should it become available.
- C. Calls year to date are 414, last year 391.
- D. Radio system is not working due to a problem with the tower antenna. TeleRad stated the antenna is bad and the cable has a split. They quoted \$1,700.00 to replace both the antenna and co-axe cable including labor to install. Board agreed to the maintenance.

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- E. Department received 2 calls last night, one a PI expressway accident requiring the aero-med helicopter and one a PI accident on 130th and 62nd involving a stolen vehicle that went over the bluff and landed in Water Wonderland trailer park.

Kaye asked what the department has done at the school for fire prevention week. Blok related Tony Schippa has spent 3 days at the elementary handing out literature and answering questions from students and 1 night the department took equipment to the school. The department also has hosted station tours for groups of students.

AUDIENCE

Jim Mokma communicated the handicap parking situation he encountered during the open house. Blok thanked Mokma for attending the meeting and stated what his intentions were for accommodating disabled persons as well as how he would improve on those accommodations in the future. Board voiced their regret and promised to remedy the situation next year.

Jane Wright asked when the new 911 system will be in place. Blok stated there have been numerous delays due to the County administration of the system, and did not have a definite time when it would be brought on line.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Kaye to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.