

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, January 10, 2005 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raebel at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: Cliff Asbel.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 12/13/04 and 12/27/04, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Blok clarified several bills, stating the portable radio purchased from Bearcom has been sent back for credit, Overisel charge for storage racks was material to construct air tank storage racks. Raebel verified the gear purchased from West Shore Fire was part of the air pack grant package. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve bills in the amount of \$10,225.13 and payroll in the amount of \$9,623.05.** Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Kaye noted the cash balance of the Donation Fund and asked Blok if there was anything the department needed that could utilize those funds. Blok stated there was a First Responder need and he would look into it further. Kaye also noted the financials reflect half way through the fiscal year and expenditures remain in line.
- C. Quarterly Detail. Board reviewed and approved previous quarter account posting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letters for open At-Large position. Board read three letters from individuals expressing an interest in the open board position. They agreed to ask each of the three to attend the workshop meeting on the 24th for a short interview where after the Board would make a recommendation to each of the municipalities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CHIEF BLOK'S REPORT

- A. 12 calls YTD.
- B. Winter party will be the 29th at 6:30. Blok stated he would like to see some other Board members attend
- C. The security wall in the fire barn is complete and they will be posting "personnel only" signs.
- D. Purchased storage bags for the new air packs on sale and got a very good buy.
- E. Blok reminded Board he will be on vacation the month of February.
- F. The on-call member's retirement annual report is in and is earning very good interest.
- G. Blok presented the year end reports detailing the calls made in 2004. Board representatives will present to their municipality.

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- H. Department is now on-line with the new pagers and radio system. We are the first in the County and they are working great. Have not found any dead spots yet, including the Lakeshore area. Board discussed Lakeshore Drive emergency access.
- I. Interviews have taken place for the Fire Inspector position. Received 8 applications and interviewed 4 people. Kaye spoke for the interviewers stating they were impressed with all 4, but current department member Greg Janik stood out and Kaye recommended the Board approve his hiring for the position. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to authorize the Chief to offer the Fire Inspector position to Greg Janik.** Motion carried unanimously. Discussion as to an appropriate starting salary took place, with increases to be given after 90 days and when certification is gained.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Kaye to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.