

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, April 11, 2005 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaye at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Jerry Bekken, Lance Winchester, Bill Kaye, Cliff Asbel and Reggie Smith.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

Kaye opened the meeting with a welcome to newly appointed Saugatuck Township Representative, Reggie Smith, and a second welcome to new At-Large Member, Lance Winchester. Kaye stated the Board has lost some seniority but was excited to have new people on the board with new objectivity. He encouraged all questions and recognized the great job by past members Raebel and Edgcomb.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 3/14/05, under *Chief's Report, Item D*. Asbel asked to strike the cost of the pumper and insert "new". **Motion by Bekken/Winchester to accept as amended.**

Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 3/28/05, under *Chief's Report, Item 2*. Asbel corrected the word "and" to "as". **Motion by Asbel/Winchester to accept as amended.**

Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills. Kaye inquired as to the description for a Breathing Air Systems bill and Blok verified it should be corrected from "quarterly air pack testing" to "quarterly air fill station testing". Wright will correct. Kaye then verified all of West Shore Fire bills were part of the grant purchase. **Motion by Bekken/Asbel to approve bills in the amount of \$25,058.39 and payroll in the amount of \$10,275.36**
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye explained the report layouts and verified remaining tax revenue is delinquent taxes to be received from the County in April.
- C. Quarterly Transaction Detail Audit. Board reviewed and approved account postings as is.
- D. Review Proposed Budget. Board reviewed and committee set next budget meeting the next evening at 7:30 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Lakeshore Drive Fire Lane. Winchester reported on access around the Lakeshore Drive washout, noting 29 Lakeshore has a small lane, but it's not wide enough for fire equipment. He stated there is land further South at 2805 Lakeshore but would be expensive property. Board discussed options and agreed the first step would be to present the idea to the Township Board and inquire if there is a desire to pursue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

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**CHIEF'S REPORT**

- A. 143 calls YTD, 118 same time last year.
- B. Monthly phone charge for the 911 system has now been eliminated, equates to a savings of over \$100/month.
- C. We now have 3 Fennville fire fighters who work in the area but live in Fennville, on-board for daytime calls. These 3 have been added to the STFD roster as members. Will be able to transfer gear with the exception of one new coat and air pack masks. They will be attending our meetings and training programs.
- D. Current insurance with MMRA has given a renewal quote of \$22,207 which can be used for budgeting purposes. Budget for ladder testing will remain \$1,000 and Blok informed members of the methods used to test the equipment.
- E. Ordered more Fire-Aide today and Blok explained how the agent works.
- F. Member Kevin McConnell has moved out of the area and left the department. Another member, Brian Alexander, has turned in his equipment due to personal issues. No response to members wanted advertisements as of yet.
- G. Tanker #1224's tank is getting bad. The truck was built in 1981 with a used aviation tank and it needs to be replaced. Blok suggested refitting the tanker to a hose reel truck and purchasing 1000' of 5" hose. He stated a cost of \$540 per 100' section for hose and estimated \$2,500 for material to refit the truck. Board discussed the equipment's potential.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

Kaye asked for a time table to launch the fire boat. Blok stated they will go one more year before painting the hull so they will ready the boat and plan on launching in about 1 to 2 weeks.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Winchester to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.**  
Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.