

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25, 2005**

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, April 25th, 2005 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

AUDIENCE

None.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The current budget is 1.4531 mills. The proposed budget is 1.2932 mills. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to present proposed budget at 1.2932 mills to all three municipalities.** Motion carried unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT

1. The total cost to extinguish ~~the woods fire~~ a recent grass fire caused by a property owner/builder who was burning rubbish totaled \$3,208. The individual that started the fire will be billed by STFD and ticketed by ACSD. Board agreed unanimously.
2. The ladder truck and school bus have been sold. Ladder truck was sold for \$6,000 and the school bus for \$500. A \$600 deposit has been received.
3. Discussion on inserting a line item in the financial reports to track radio expenses took place. Board will decide if necessary.
4. A letter of thanks was received from a firefighter Kevin McConnell who ~~that~~ has moved from the area.
5. Chief would like to consider the following purchases from this year's budget. These items were all discussed and tabled until the next fire board meeting in May.
 - a. 1,000 feet of 5" hose to bring our capacity of large diameter hose to 2,000 feet. Cost of hose \$5,400 plus \$800 for additional fittings. Chief discussed converting old tanker (#1224) to carry the 2,000 feet of large diameter hose at a cost of about \$2,500. Large diameter hose can be used from fire hydrants and also would be a great asset in the township with structures having long driveways.
 - b. A new infrared camera was discussed at a cost of \$7,452 to replace the old Cairns unit. The Cairns company went out of business and parts are no longer available. An additional wireless monitor can also be purchased for the camera at a cost of \$2,800. Total cost would be \$10,352. The present camera has been proven to save property.
 - c. Chief discussed purchasing a 6,000 watt emergency lighting unit with a 30' telescoping light tower. A unit was demonstrated by Fire Officer Linus Starring and Marty Laveck of United Rental Service. This light tower purchased new is \$7,793 and the used on the 100 hours that was demonstrated to the Fire Board is available at a cost of \$5,541.

There being no further business, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cliff Asbel.