

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

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, July 11, 2005 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaye at 7:36 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

**MINUTES**

Pertaining to the minutes of 6/13/05, **Motion by Bekken/Asbel to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 6/27/05, **Motion by Bekken/Winchester to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW**

- A. Discussion and approval of bills. Kaye verified MMRMA insurance payment was for a full year, and Asbel corrected the expense account for John's Towing. **Motion by Bekken/Asbel to approve bills in the amount of \$59,886.41 and payroll in the amount of \$10,313.84.** Motion to pay bills carried unanimously.
- B. Financial Review. Kaye verified the City of Saugatuck tax revenue was fully collected and the balance sheet reflected cash after approved expenditures. Discussion took place as to how to code pager and radio repairs in the future, and it was decided to use #727 Operating Supplies.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Lakeshore Drive Fire Lane. Smith offered the potential to enact "eminent domain" to take possession of the land necessary for emergency access to the south side of the washout. Board discussed and agreed to continue pursuing feasible options including a gravel off-ramp from the expressway to 126<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**CHIEF'S REPORT**

- A. Calls to date 283, same time last year 248.
- B. Discussion took place regarding the purchase of 10 to 15 Nomex wild line suits. Winchester is working on a potential donation for the purchase. Board discussed buying a few to start utilizing donation fund money. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve the purchase of 10 Nomex suits at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 from the donation fund.** Blok noted the amount available and suggested purchasing all 15 right now. Discussion ensued and Kaye amended his motion. **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to approve the purchase of 15 Nomex suits at a cost not to exceed \$4,500 from the donation fund.** Carried unanimously.
- C. Blok asked for board members with truck driving experience to consider scheduling a time to drive one of the tankers. Several agreed, and it was noted the test drive is for the Chief's information.

**AUDIENCE**

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Smith to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.