

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kaye at 7:31 p.m.

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

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

MINUTES

Pertaining to the minutes of 8/8/05, **Motion by Bekken/Smith to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously. Pertaining to the minutes of 8/22/05, **Motion by Smith/Bekken to accept as presented.** Carried unanimously.

BILLS & FINANCIAL REVIEW

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills. Kaye asked for clarification of the Beaver Research bill for \$250. Blok stated it is cleaner for gas & oil spills and a regular purchase. Bekken asked about the NFPA charge and Blok verified it was to purchase an inspection reference book. **Motion by Winchester/Bekken to approve bills in the amount of \$8,653.90 and payroll in the amount of \$10,656.52.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye requested to renew a maturing CD and utilize class pool cash until tax revenue is deposited.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Lakeshore Drive Fire Lane. Smith stated he has called the contact in Kalamazoo for freeway ramp construction, but has not heard back yet. Asbel & Bekken stated they visited the proposed site and agreed it would not require much of a ramp to access 126th Ave. Board discussion took place.
- B. Attorney Charges. Kaye asked if we have received a bill from the township attorney that represented the department during a recent court settlement. Wright stated there were additional charges the township received and she informed the attorney office they would need to bill the department separately. No separate bill has been received as of yet. Discussion took place and board agreed to wait and see if a bill is sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Bekken reported information received from the Douglas DDA regarding the proposed TIFA tax capture district. Board agreed it can affect the department, but decided not to oppose the district in order to support the business community.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. Blok stated the department needed to become NIMS compliant to remain eligible for FEMA grants and part of the compliance was to have members attend homeland security classes at a cost of \$1,360. We just received \$1,024 from the State of Michigan for class reimbursement.
- B. Infrared camera has been installed in a truck. Still need a replacement part for it, but is up and working.

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- C. ACOE was in town and looked the fire boat over. They questioned if we should look at fitting the boat with keel coolers. Blok stated he has a contact where we could purchase them at a discounted rate of \$2,300 if we install them ourselves. Kaye suggested putting it on next year's budget. Asbel asked about winter storage for the boat. Blok suggested heated storage this year.
- D. 409 calls to date this year, 354 same time last year.
- E. The annual open house will be held on October 9th and food will be in place for the event. Greg Janik is working with the school to borrow games for the children. Board discussed options for children's games.
- F. Department responded to a call at Goshorn Lake with a downed power line that started a fire in a tree.
- G. New member Don Bale is proving to be a real asset. He has 24 months before he has to attend school. Blok suggested holding a school here next year and having him attend.
- H. Roster is up and down. A member has moved and another is considering moving. Currently looking for new recruits.
- I. Blok noted a concern for City of Saugatuck commercial buildings downtown. Board discussed sending the City Council a letter informing them of the concerns.

AUDIENCE

None.

There being no further business, **motion by Bekken/Asbel to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, rec. sec.