

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2005**

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Fire District was held on Monday, September 26th, 2005 at the Fire Station. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Chief John Blok.

AUDIENCE

None.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. Blok reported 435 calls to date for 2005 compared to 371 last year, which is an increase of 64 calls this year.
- B. Saugatuck City: For the record, paved driving area 12' for Park Street is against International Fire Code 2000 minimum requirements of 20', with hydrant minimum of 26'. Refer to supplied code handouts. Forward movement on this matter should consider the implications for not adhering to code with regard to insurance coverage and adequate emergency access.
- C. Board directed Chief to write letter to Saugatuck City Council explaining fire codes in regard to street widths and the minimum of 26' required for roads with hydrants. Fire Board reviewed Section 50.321 of the code in reaction to articles in the local paper. These articles referred to proposed street widths of 12', on that section of Park Street. The Board and the Chief concluded this compromise in width is a violation of the code, and is inadequate for delivery of fire and rescue protection.
- D. A bill was received from attorney firm Scholten and Fant for services not officially contracted by the fire department. Chief explained our position with regard to the bill.
- E. Pat has resigned as Administrative Assistant and a replacement is required. 48 applicants have applied as results of ads placed. There are a number of qualified candidates.

There being no further business, **Motion by Kaye/Bekken to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Cliff Asbel.