

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006, 7:30 p.m.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Kaye called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Chairman and Saugatuck City Representative Bill Kaye, Douglas City Representative Jerry Bekken, Saugatuck Township Representative Reggie Smith, At-Large Member Lance Winchester, At-large Member Cliff Asbel, and Deputy Chief Greg Janik.

**Absent excused:** Chief John Blok.

Public comment began at 7:30 p.m. No comments were received. Ended 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Smith, seconded by Bekken to approve minutes of January 9, 2006, Fire Board regular meeting, with no corrections.** Carried unanimously. **Moved by Smith, seconded by Bekken to approve minutes of January 23, 2006, Fire Board workshop meeting, with no corrections.** Carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills, and Financial Review: **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve paying the bills as presented.** Kaye noted the Budget vs. Actual report reflects 58% through the fiscal year and the bottom line is very close. Board reviewed several key accounts and noted the tax revenue is coming in, making the checking account higher than normal. Kaye requested moving \$100,000 from checking into the class pool account.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Scholten & Fant Attorney Invoice. Janik stated the department's position has not changed and are still waiting for clarification of the charges. Board agreed to hold off paying the invoice.
- B. Douglas DDA "Opt Out" Resolution. Wright submitted language that would allow the department to opt out of the extended DDA district for the Board's consideration. Board discussed the ramifications to the department's revenue and how the DDA TIFA will affect the budget. Kaye read through the resolution and stated the department has an obligation to verify if we are required to participate at all. Board noted the March deadline to opt out of the extended district and agreed they could hire a lawyer to investigate at a later time. **Resolution was offered by Winchester and seconded by Asbel to adopt the Resolution of Exemption from DDA TIFA as presented.** Yeas-5, Nays-0, resolution declared adopted.

**New Business:**

- A. Allied Waste Service Agreement. Board discussed signing a contract renewal and agreed to turn the matter over to Janik to discuss with the Chief.

**Deputy Chief Janik's Report:**

- A. 56 calls YTD, 51 same time last year. Janik reported 3 chimney fires in 12 days.
- B. Have 6 applicants for new recruits from news articles, 2 of which are solid candidates. Currently have 2 new recruits so we will have 4 members that need school training. Kaye stated he would like to hold a school here.
- C. Janik discussed the positive work being done by intern Sarah Bushee.
- D. Janik stated he has done some research on the internet and got a free book "Recruitment and Retention in Volunteer Fire Departments" which he intends to glean some ideas from.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**  
Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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