

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006, 7:30 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BARN
3342 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 Chief John Blok.

Absent: None.

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

Chief Blok's Report:

1. Fire calls are even with last year at this time.
2. Need to get ready for new budget. Discussions for any changes in insurance. Timetable for budget presentation was submitted.
3. Discussion as to who would work on the budget. It was decided that it would be Lance and Jerry.
4. Discussion of ISO ratings, further reductions would be difficult. Maintaining the present rating of 5 is the best goal.
5. Discussion of old tanker (which is 20 years old) and replacement. Another tanker is \$133,000.
6. Newest pumper is 15 years old and we should be budgeting for another pumper in the next two years.
7. Pagers are high repair item. Newest pager is 1996. Motorola stopped making parts and new pagers are \$370 each. We should start to budget for replacement.
8. Back station air compressor is needed, \$600.
9. Hose bridge for protection of hose laid across the roadway.
10. Getting an estimate from the Chief for coating bottom of fire boat.
11. Talk regarding lack of personnel who drive stick shift and hose truck.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.**
Carried unanimously.

Cliff Asbel, At-Large Member

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date