

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 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 Chief John Blok.

**Absent:** None.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to approve minutes of April 10, 2006, Fire Board regular meeting, with no corrections.** Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously. Pertaining to the April 24<sup>th</sup> minutes, Asbel suggested inserting "at the suggestion of the Chief" before "hold the increase for the Chief to \$1,000". **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Bekken to approve minutes of April 24, 2006, Fire Board workshop meeting, as corrected.** Carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills, and Financial Review: Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$12,625.75. It was **Moved by Asbel, seconded by Bekken to approve paying the bills as presented.** Asbel noted the change by KLSWA to a monthly bill creates undue costs for businesses. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$26,183.52. It was **Moved by Smith, seconded by Asbel to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously. Board reviewed the monthly deposits and Blok verified grant proceeds were for the wild fire land suits.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Chief Blok's Report:**

- A. 154 calls to date this year, 172 same time last year.
- B. Fire boat is in the water. Board commented that it looked good and Kaye asked if it shouldn't be run occasionally. Blok stated there might be questions from the community as to the fuel used. Board agreed the training and engine use is justified.
- C. Joe Fucile attended a Department of Defense excess equipment sale where he purchased a 6.2 KW generator on a trailer for \$850, 2 aluminum boats (14' and 16') for \$250 each, and 10 wool blankets for rescue purposes for \$10 each.

- D. Tanker truck has been ordered and \$5,000 downpayment check sent. Total price is \$118,324 delivery is targeted for 9/1/2006.
- E. Chief asked for one more factory add-on of 3 new dump chutes @ \$150 each. Board agreed to the expense.
- F. ISO considers a tanker vehicle to be a pumper as well if you carry a hose reel on the back of the truck. Kaye asked when they would use the hose, Blok stated grass fires, filling the Jeep tanks, anything within 150'. Kaye asked what the price would be, Blok stated \$3,390 as an add-on. **Moved by Kaye, seconded by Bekken to approve \$122,000+ of total expenditure for the purchase of the new tanker truck.** Carried unanimously.
- G. Received \$500 downpayment for the junk fire on Old Allegan Rd so we can forward wage payments to the other departments assisting at the fire. Kaye asked how we will account for these reimbursements. Board agreed to add new revenue and expenditure accounts for reimbursements and payment of reimbursable expenses.
- H. 5 people have passed the medical first responder testing. The new recruit with a bad driving record paid for the class himself and passed with other attendees getting along well with him. Chief suggested the department may want to reimburse him sometime in the future.

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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