

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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.

Kaye opened the public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the 2006/2007 proposed budget. Winchester presented an overview of the budget and asked for public comment. Ted Sabota, caretaker for the Denison estate, stated concerns over fishermen lighting fires for cooking and asked for "no fires" signs to be posted on the beach. Having no further comments, Kaye closed the public hearing at 7:34.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to approve minutes of May 8, 2006, Fire Board regular meeting, with no corrections.** Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously. **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Bekken to approve minutes of May 22, 2006, Fire Board workshop meeting, with no corrections.** Carried unanimously.

Approval of Bills, and Financial Review: Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$11,152.28. It was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Asbel to approve paying the bills as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$10,781.52. It was **Moved by Smith, seconded by Bekken to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously. Kaye noted unexpended dollars in the current year budget and asked if the Chief needed to purchase anything before the end of the year. Discussion took place and Board agreed to approve the purchase of some miscellaneous items.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- A. Adopt 2006/2007 Budget. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to adopt the 2006/2007 budget as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. MERS Benefit Program E Costs. Wright explained the cost projection if the Board chooses to adopt a cost of living increase for retirees. Board asked questions that Wright agreed to verify with MERS. Board noted the time to adopt the benefit would be at the end of the year.

Chief Blok's Report:

- A. Blok asked audience member Ted Sabota if he could ask the new owner of the Denison estate about utilizing the property for emergency access to the piers. Sabota will get back with Winchester.
- B. 215 calls to date this year, 223 same time last year.
- C. 2nd and final payment has been received from John Weenink on the Old Allegan fire.
- D. Blok asked to have an answer from the Board if they will adopt the MERS benefit E program or not by the next meeting.
- E. New light plant/generator has 100' of cord and will run the electric set of jaws.
- F. Joe Fucile asked about purchasing a new air compressor. Kaye stated the budget will allow for it and to purchase it yet this fiscal year.
- G. Advertised the tanker truck for sale and the ad will run until it sells. Asking price is \$10,000.
- H. Incentive program has \$126,927 invested. The fee for service did increase to \$711 a year.

Audience: Ted Sabota asked to discuss the signs he proposed for the beach/pier area. Board asked questions and discussion ensued. The decision was made that if the owner purchased the signs the department would lend its name for the signage as long as the Board approved the language.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date