

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 Cliff Asbel, and Chief John Blok, At-Large Member Lance Winchester arrived at 7:32.

Absent: None.

Public comment began at 7:30 p.m. Receiving none, public comment ended at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Smith, seconded by Asbel to approve minutes of July 17, 2006, Fire Board regular meeting.** Having no corrections, motion to approve minutes as submitted carried unanimously. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to approve minutes of July 31, 2006, Fire Board workshop meeting.** Chief noted the proper officer pay scale was attached. Motion to approve minutes as submitted carried unanimously.

Financial Review:

- A. Discussion and approval of Bills. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$31,051.69. It was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Smith to approve paying the bills as presented.** Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$25,812.31. It was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye stated the budget vs. actual report reflected 1/12 of the year and the balance sheet looked good for cash flow. Asbel noted the need to have cash on hand for the purchase of the new tanker truck next month. Board requested CD maturity information and interest earning comparisons for next regular meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Kaye stated he was asked to discuss an issue regarding the fire boat medical response during a recent drowning on the south pier. He reported a complaint the fire boat was going too fast in a no wake zone for a non-emergency situation. The Chief explained they were complying with the Sheriff's request to deliver the victim's body to AMR at the Denison property as soon as possible to put the victim on a monitor. Chief noted they had radio contact, but none from the complainant's boat "The Star of Saugatuck". He went on record saying the Starring's have been anti-fire boat since the day the department got one. Kaye stated the Starring's were supportive but concerned and asked to discuss what

standard protocol is followed regarding fire boat speeds on the river. Board discussed the situation in general. Chief stated bystanders can not make any statement unless they are on the scene to witness everything involved in a situation. Board noted it is a judgment call and additional discussion ensued. Board acknowledged Deputy Sheriff Giles was onboard the fire boat as a recovery diver and called for the department to deliver the body to AMR as fast as possible, per their request.

Chief Blok's Report:

- A. Chief presented a final draft of the cost recovery ordinance both cities plan on adopting. Kaye asked if the Fire Board is the final word on when a bill will be issued, Chief noted yes.
- B. The old tanker truck was sold and has been picked up. The truck was listed for \$10,000 but the offer of \$9,500 was accepted. Chief has called mutual aid departments to ensure they will respond to any fire in the township that requires a tanker until the new truck is delivered. Board noted it was good to sell it. Chief stated the truck is going to New Orleans to spray down asbestos while removing it during the Hurricane Katrina clean-up efforts.
- C. Calls year to date are 331, 354 same time last year.
- D. Received 500+ pounds of fish from the recent Waypoint fishing tournament for the fire prevention party this fall.
- E. Chief stated the positive side of the fire boat incident with the drowning was that the boat worked very well for the divers. He commended Winchester for his help transporting divers with his own boat.
- F. Blok talked to the head of purchasing where we bought the fire boat through the State of Michigan and informed board we now have full ownership if at some point we need to sell it. They are no longer making the same boat available and Chief stated we purchased it at the right time.
- G. Fire computer programs are currently on one computer. Blok stated they are offering the programs for multiple computers at a price of \$715. He suggested purchasing the program and consider a laptop to carry in a unit for business floor plan referral. Kaye noted they have a budget of \$5,500 in miscellaneous office supplies that would cover the expense. Board agreed.

Winchester informed board he is taking Spanish courses which would have helped during the drowning situation. Additional discussion took place regarding the drowning. Chief noted life saving ring buoys are not feasible due to the liability of placing them. There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Kaye to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date