

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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. Kaye asked to take a few minutes to reflect on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and read the attached statement into the record.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Smith, seconded by Winchester to approve minutes of August 14, 2006, Fire Board regular meeting.** Kaye asked to clarify the last paragraph adding “life saving ring” buoys, motion to approve minutes as corrected carried unanimously. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve minutes of August 28, 2006, Fire Board workshop meeting.** Asbel asked if any clarification was needed for #5, board decided no. Motion to approve minutes as submitted carried unanimously.

**Financial Review:**

- A. Discussion and approval of Bills. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$12,476.78. It was **Moved by Asbel, seconded by Bekken to approve paying the bills as presented.** Asbel discussed the amount of fuel purchases and stated a need to be cognizant of the prices. Board discussed the volatility of gas prices. Kaye asked if the Reed’s Tire Service bill was for more than just an alignment. Blok stated it did include a tire as well. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$11,409.24. It was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve the payroll as presented.** Smith noted Lori Nash is now a First Responder. Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Board discussed the upcoming cash needs and current interest rates. Kaye suggested rolling the maturing CD into the class pool to ensure availability of cash for the new tanker. Board agreed.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Chief Blok's Report:**

- A. Blok presented an advertisement for a boat identical to ours that is being sold for \$250,000. General discussion ensued. He added the Coast Guard forwarded a 1993 life saving incident report the fire boat was involved in as a point of interest.
- B. Calls to date 370, same time last year 408.
- C. 5 personnel were sent to First Responder School in May. All passed the school test, but there is an additional license test necessary. 2 people signed up to take the license test Wednesday in Port Sheldon and we will know in 2 weeks if they passed. 2 other people are scheduled to take the test this Fall, and 1 person has dropped out of the program. Blok noted the State has informed them they can not respond to a call until they pass the licensing, and he questioned why police can respond to a medical without the license.
- D. During the last meeting it was approved to schedule the Fire Fighting School. Blok suggested board members attend any classes they are interested in. The Instructor is asking for \$2,500 up front and the balance of \$3,000 upon completion.
- E. Chief stated he received a call from the pastor of the Christian Reformed Church. October 21<sup>st</sup> will be their Community Day, and they will be available for any jobs that would help the department. Board discussed things could do, noting they painted hydrants in the past. Wright to ask Quade if KLSWA will be maintaining the township hydrants.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Bekken to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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