

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007, 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, At-Large Member Lance Winchester, and Deputy Chief Greg Janik representing vacationing Chief Blok.

**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 Bekken to approve the minutes of January 8, 2007, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of January 22, 2007, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously

**Financial & Run Information Review:**

- A. Discussion and approval of Bills. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$32,774.83. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve paying the bills as presented.** Carried unanimously. Bekken asked about the C-Comm bill for a new cell phone. Wright verified that Blok purchased a new cell phone but upgraded to an ear piece style and brought in \$100 to personally pay for the upgrade. Kaye noted the final payment was made on the tanker truck, and wanted to make sure the department received clear title to the vehicle. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$29,532.41. **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Bekken to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye noted the tax revenue is continuing to come in, and Wright informed the Board of a \$100,000 transfer of funds from checking to the class pool on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Janik verified account #680 on the Revenue & Expenditure report was added to record cost recovery revenue separately.
- C. Monthly Run Information. Kaye stated the run detail information sheet is a new addition to the monthly packets, and January's activity was in line with last year. Asbel noted medical runs far outweigh fire runs, and the board might want to consider a 5 year plan to purchase new medical equipment. Janik responded that traditionally medicals will outweigh fires, but the board might consider replacing the first responder unit that is 20 years old. He added the vehicle still runs great but it would be prudent to consider future replacement. Kaye stated the opportunity to purchase used is not readily available and to purchase a new unit might cost \$75,000 therefore

there is a need to save for several years. He added fire prevention education and inspections has helped to keep the number of fires down.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. Kaye noted after the last meeting, the Chief showed the board the new air fill station installation. Kaye complimented the department on an outstanding piece of equipment and an excellent value.
- B. Smith stated he attended the last Township meeting and presented the year in review.

**New Business:** None.

**Deputy Chief Janik's Report:**

- A. Calls for January were 35 this year compared to 41 last year, but we are rapidly catching up. Current numbers are 54, same time last year 55 with the latest call being last Wednesday with a whole house fire. Volunteers did a terrific job, but the house was a total loss. Discussion took place regarding the fire including shuttling water in severe cold weather, excellent use of the portable light tower, and superb mutual aid resources.
- B. Smith asked Janik how the inspections are going. He responded "well", and conveyed a tough inspection is Douglas Marine as the nature of the company makes them difficult to become compliant. Smith asked how the computer program search is going. Janik stated he is waiting for Fire Pro to introduce their program. Additional discussion took place about the ongoing inspections.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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