

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007, 7:30 p.m.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Representative Jerry Bekken called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read Kaye's letter explaining his absence and support of the proposed budget, as well as the purchase of the dive-rescue equipment.

**Members present:** Douglas City Representative Jerry Bekken, Saugatuck Township Representative Reggie Smith, At-large Member Cliff Asbel, At-Large Member Lance Winchester, and Chief John Blok.

**Absent Excused:** Chairman and Saugatuck City Representative Bill Kaye.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of April 9, 2007, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Smith, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of April 23, 2007, Fire Board workshop meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Asbel, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of April 30, 2007, Fire Board special meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously.

**Bills and Financial Review:**

- A. Discussion and approval of Bills. Bekken presented bills in the amount of \$8,929.16. **Moved by Asbel, seconded by Smith to approve paying the bills as presented.** Asbel asked for clarification of the Air Source One electric motor. Blok explained the original motor on the air fill station was 3 phase and replaced with a single phase motor. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Bekken presented payroll in the amount of \$26,335.49. **Moved by Asbel, seconded by Winchester to approve the payroll as presented.** Motion to approve the payroll carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Asbel verified expenses are in line. Board asked to have budget amendments prepared for the June meeting. Wright verified the June meeting will be preceded with the annual budget public hearing.
- C. Discussion and Approval of Budget. Bekken asked for discussion, board agreed the budget documents present the financial intentions for fiscal year 2007/2008 accurately. **Motion by Asbel, seconded by Winchester to approve the proposed budget as presented and submit to the City of Saugatuck, City of Douglas, and Saugatuck Township for review and approval.** Motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Chief Blok's Report:**

- A. Monthly Run Information. 152 year to date, 139 same time last year.
- B. Meeting with Saugatuck Township representatives is set for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the fire station to discuss interpretation of the fire code.
- C. Water rescue dive pack S.O.P.'s have been written and Blok asked the Board to either approve or reject the purchase. He added they are researching dry suits to enable winter rescues, but have not found the desired suits at a reasonable price yet. Blok verified the cost of the dive packs with weight belts is \$853.30 each and he would like to purchase 4. Winchester suggested ordering the dive packs now and purchasing the dry suits at a later date. **Motion by Asbel, seconded by Smith to approve \$3,413.20 to purchase 4 water rescue dive packs with the money coming solely from the donation fund.** Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Department performs child car seat inspections for proper installation and the certification for qualified members has expired. To continue the service, members will need to attend a 3 day training program in Kalamazoo to become recertified at \$160 per person. **Motion by Winchester, seconded by Asbel to approve expenses for Joe Fucile to attend the child car seat installation inspection program.** Board discussed releasing the information to the local papers after recertification is complete. Carried unanimously.
- E. 6 people have passed Firefighter 1 and 2 testing. Blok stated for this level a minimum of 240 classroom hours are required, and our classes ran approximately 284 hours. Discussion took place as to the commitment required. Roster is currently 15 Firefighters and 7 Officers. The intent was to have 30 Firefighters and 7 Officers, but hard to find individuals ready to commit the time necessary.
- F. Department assisted the Fennville Fire Department for a fire on Hutchins Lake. Was a 3 story house fire that was extremely hot due to being fed by a gas line.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Asbel, seconded by Winchester to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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