

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6, 2007, 7:30 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BARN
3342 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, Chief John Blok, and Deputy Chief Greg Janik.

Absent: None.

Public comment began at 7:30 p.m. No comments were received. Ended 7:30 p.m.

Kaye stated the reason for the special meeting was to discuss the possible purchase of a used truck and acknowledge the receipt of a FEMA grant.

1. Discussion on the logistics of the used pumper truck that is for sale took place.
 - a. Reviewed a letter of intent from Macatawa Bank proposing to fund up to \$200,000 of the purchase price at 5.1% interest. Repayment terms require an annual principal reduction of 20% of original loan amount and interest.
 - b. A letter from the department's attorney will be required verifying the "qualified" tax-exempt status. Bank will contact Bill Coupe to give a written opinion when it becomes required.

Motion by Kaye, seconded by Winchester, to approve the purchase of a 2001 Spartan pumper fire truck; purchase price not to exceed \$310,000 with funds from financing not to exceed \$200,000 per Macatawa Bank proposal dated July 30, 2007 (attached) and the balance of funds to come from the general fund. Purchase contingent upon availability and approval of the truck's condition. Carried unanimously.
2. Have received notification of a FEMA grant approval. **Motion by Winchester, seconded by Smith to accept a grant in the amount of \$60,221 with matching funds to be provided in the amount of \$3,169. Carried unanimously.**
 - a. Grant includes \$41,950 for a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) to be fitted onto a currently active truck. Truck will be out of commission for 4 weeks while the retrofit is done. Spencer Manufacturing of South Haven will arrive Friday, August 10, 2007 to examine the truck and order appropriate parts.
 - b. Grant also includes money for an ATV, ATV trailer, and large diameter hose. Board inspected ATV equipment being considered for purchase.

At 8:20 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

Cliff Asbel, Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date