

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Lance Winchester, Chief John Blok, and Deputy Chief Greg Janik.

Absent: At-large Member Cliff Asbel.

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

Chief's Report

1. Discussion on sign. Kaye commented on the short sightedness of Al Ellingsen, Township Zoning Administrator. Discussion followed on sign regulations over public safety education. **Motion by Kaye, seconded by Smith, to remove the tarp off of the sign.** Carried unanimously. The tarp was removed and the sign was turned on, 9/24/07.
2. Discussion on purchase of truck which is in the process of being repossessed. Status on hold per Huntington Bank.
3. Blok discussed available equipment that is under the state surplus program.
4. Discussion on the air foam system, CAFS, that was used in the controlled house burn on 9/19/07. The system worked well. This is the same system we will be installing on one of our fire trucks. The system will be purchased with funds received from our grant.
5. Discussion on First Responders and the burn out rate that is occurring in the busy departments. Blok proposed to the Board the possibility of using present Firefighters that are not licensed as First Responders but have met the requirements of CPR, AED usage, and first aid. The Firefighters would respond at a rate of \$16.00 per call, because they would not have a state license. If interested, these people would fill in on some shifts with two licensed First Responders.
6. Board acknowledged the last meeting of Saugatuck Township Representative Reggie Smith and congratulated Smith on a fine job as representative for Saugatuck Township.

At 8:36 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

Lance Winchester, At-Large Member

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date