

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007, 7:30 p.m.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Chairman Bill 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, At-Large Member Lance Winchester, Chief John Blok, and Deputy Chief Greg Janik.

**Absent:** Saugatuck Township Representative Eric Beckman and At-large Member Cliff Asbel.

Kaye offered public comment. Receiving none, that portion of the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Bekken to approve the minutes of October 8, 2007, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of October 22, 2007, Fire Board workshop meeting.** Kaye requested to insert “that we were attempting to purchase” in item 2 after pumper truck. He also requested to insert “pricing ranges” in item 3 after dive gear suits. Motion to approve as amended carried unanimously.

**Bills and Financial Review:**

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$12,411.29. **Moved by Kaye, seconded by Bekken to approve paying the bills as presented.** Winchester verified an insurance claim will be filed to reimburse for repairs to the overhead door less the \$250 deductible. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$37,755.13. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve the payroll as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye reviewed the Budget vs. Actual report noting a significant increase in calls resulting in the use of 59% of the annual budget for per call payroll. He stated depending on the calls for the rest of the fiscal year, a budget amendment may be necessary and will affect the amount of fund balance reserved for equipment purchases.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Chief Blok's Report:**

- A. Blok noted the high number of runs and stated he hopes they will start to slow down.
- B. Dive gear suits are still being examined. Janik & Fucile field tested a Stearns suit in the Kalamazoo River and it performed very well. Price for 4 suits is \$2,793 through Michigan Rescue Concepts. Kaye stated that because they were not budgeted for, utilization of donation fund monies would be appropriate. Winchester asked if a better price could be found if purchased through the internet. **Motion by Kaye, seconded by Bekken to authorize up to \$2,800 for 4 dive gear suits with the money to come from the donation fund pool.** Carried unanimously. Kaye noted a good job investigating different options.
- C. Developer Chris Gorgas will be asking to go before the newly formed Fire Code Board of Appeals to dispute the need for a fire hydrant in a proposed subdivision owned by Daniel Properties. Blok reported who has been appointed to the Board and Kaye asked how they become educated to the code and their role on the Board. Blok stated they have distributed copies of the applicable portion of the law to Gorgas and the B.O.A. members. Discussion as to proper protocol took place.
- D. First Responders are now with Allegan County medical control and will follow their protocol.
- E. The pumper truck that we were trying to purchase through Huntington Bank as a re-possessed vehicle is no longer available. The bank is dedicated to working with the current owner. Blok stated he is now investigating the purchase of a demonstrator model. A "bare-bones" demo model with options added to the purchase price runs around \$226,000. Spencer Truck in South Haven stated they would be interested in building a demo to our specifications if we would agree to purchase it, with a guarantee of less than 2,000 miles and delivery date in September of 2008, for a price of around \$230,000. Blok stated that if the Board decides to go forward with the purchase of this demo unit, a down payment of \$114,000 would be required in approximately 2 ½ months with balance due upon delivery. Kaye suggested a tour of the facility before making a decision. Additional discussion took place and a tour was set.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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