

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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 Eric Beckman, At-Large Member Lance Winchester.

Also present: Chief John Blok, Deputy Chief Greg Janik, Officers Dan VanAlten and Joe Fucile, and Office Administrator/Member Lori Nash.

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

Meeting began downstairs in the station, with an overview of a cab and chassis brought in by Spartan Motors, which was arranged by Spencer manufacturing of South Haven and Dan VanAlten. The meeting then moved upstairs.

The department was presented with a blueprint of 3 options of various cab and chassis combinations:

1. Base price for a Freightliner M2-154 truck with extended cab is \$234,638. This truck is 7' longer than our current longest truck.
2. Spartan chassis with a 6 firefighter (in full dress) Furion cab is \$257,898. It was noted that this truck has a great short turn radius.
3. Kenworth 2 man cab truck approximately 32' long is \$231,638. This truck was determined not to be a viable option due to the 2 man capacity.

Options were discussed including a CAFS system at \$44,399 and 2 electric side suction valves at \$2,550 each side.

Blok stated he spoke with FEMA to see if the grant money for the CAFS system could be for purchase of a system for the new truck. FEMA stated it must be purchased for the truck that was presented in the grant proposal or money is to be returned.

Additional discussion took place on the 2 person cab versus the 6 person cab. Consideration was given to the fact the truck would be in service for 20 years or more. Also, the increased growth rate of the area would indicate the need for additional response personnel.

It was determined that the best option for future use is the Furion Cab with the Spartan chassis and Spencer Manufacturing body. The vehicle would be fitted with the electric suction option on both sides, as well as the CAFS system.

Blok stated the interest rate at Macatawa Bank would be honored, but could possibly be an even lower rate than originally quoted. The terms of purchase would require 50% down by late March, approximately \$150,000. **Motion by Kaye, seconded by Bekken to enter in an agreement with Spencer manufacturing for the purchase of a 2008 demonstration truck with the Furion cab, Spartan chassis, and Spencer body to include electric side suction valves on each side and a CAFS system in an amount not to exceed \$310,000.** Motion carried unanimously.

Board noted the approximate savings of \$60,000 by purchasing the demo truck currently being built for shows the end of May, June and September. It will be available permanently to Saugatuck Township Fire District at the end of September, but will be housed at the station after June 2008. Spencer will want the use of the truck for a show in September at Roscommon. Also, if another department would like to see it, Spencer Manufacturing will demo the truck. The demo use period will end in September 2008. The truck will be lettered with Saugatuck Township Fire District.

At 8:30 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

Lori Nash, Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date