

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008, 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, Saugatuck Township Representative Eric Beckman, At-large Member Cliff Asbel, and At-Large Member Lance Winchester.

**Also present:** Chief John Blok and Deputy Chief Greg Janik.

**Absent:** None.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Beckman, seconded by Asbel to approve the minutes of February 11, 2008, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of February 25, 2008, Fire Board workshop meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously.

**Bills and Financial Review:**

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills & Payroll. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$7,799.10. **Motion by Asbel, seconded by Beckman to approve paying the bills as presented.** Carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$10,058.30. **Motion by Beckman, seconded by Bekken to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye noted tax revenue is being deposited and interest income will be dropping due to low rates. Board discussed the Class Pool interest rate being about the same as CD's and requested another 200K transfer from checking.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Chief Blok's Report:**

- A. Blok presented the monthly run report showing year to date responses are about even with last year.

- B. After receiving the approval to purchase the new First Responder Unit, Blok reported gathering 5 estimates to paint it ranging from \$4,500 to \$1,442. Board discussion took place and it was decided to eliminate the least expensive quote as it was from Maaco and the quality was a concern. Second least expensive was from Fleet Maintenance for \$2,193. Board approved Fleet to paint the new unit.
  
- C. FEMA grant applications are being submitted. Blok stated without disapproval, they will request aid to purchase a Spartan cab for the heavy rescue truck, diesel exhaust system as a station upgrade and an addition to the building for a new drive-thru bay. Asbel asked about a different system for heating the station that would reduce overhead costs such as an infrared system. Blok stated he could look into that kind of a heating system and asked for other suggestions. Board agreed to the three purchases proposed by Blok.
  
- D. Denison/McClendon property has a new gate. Blok stated the department has been discussing emergency access with the McClendon people and will be getting a key for the gate. Blok stated they are good people to work with and does not expect any problems gaining access.
  
- E. Blok wanted to clarify what was asked of Saugatuck Township Manager Phil Quade in regards to uncovering snow buried hydrants. He stated the problem arises when contractors deliberately heap snow in front of the hydrants and asked if the township has an ordinance in place to forbid such activity. Wright will look into that and get back with the department.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Kaye to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.**  
Carried unanimously.

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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