

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008, 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, and At-Large Member Scott Phelps.

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

**Absent:** None.

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

1. A letter from Michigan Municipal Management Authority, the Fire District's insurance carrier, was read and a copy presented to Kaye from Blok.
2. Don Bale, spokesman for the firefighters, discussed the current policy for lights and sirens on personal vehicles. Other firefighters present were Tim Hurtman, Chris Mantels, Joel Stoin, Erik Kirchert, Phil Dalton, and Linus Starring. Items of discussion were:
  - a. Safety
  - b. Time/Response
  - c. Insurance question regarding when coverage starts
  - d. Tourist town
  - e. Don Bale stated his insurance company (Frankenmuth) does not have a problem with his vehicle having lights and sirens.

Deputy Janik suggested giving lights with the Chief's parameters. Training required for emergencies. Discussion with firefighters ended at 7:55. Board discussion took place and the issue was tabled until the next workshop. If allowed, would be at the firefighter's expense.

3. Received the bill from Spencer Manufacturing for \$160,000. **Motion by Kaye, seconded by Bekken to pay downpayment for new truck out of the general fund.** Carried unanimously.
4. Will start the process for the estimate for the cab and chassis for the heavy rescue truck.
5. Discussion took place as to what to do with the 1970 Mac Squirt Truck. Have a \$2,000 offer from Weller and they want a picture. Will sell for a minimum of \$2,000 but would like \$2,500.
6. Markie Rutter is a new firefighter/first responder.

At 8:25 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

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Eric Beckman, Recording Secretary

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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