

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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: 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.

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 Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve the minutes of July 14, 2008, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Beckman, seconded by Bekken to approve the minutes of July 28, 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 \$178,251.62. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve paying the bills as presented.** Board noted the \$160,000 down payment for the new truck was instrumental in the large amount. Motion to approve bills as presented carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$25,099.62. **Motion by Beckman, seconded by Phelps to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Phelps asked for clarification of the class pool which Kaye explained. Bekken asked if account #710 could be broken out between fire wages and first responder wages stating there might be some value to seeing the two figures separate. Blok will investigate the feasibility.

Correspondence:

- A. None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Kaye touched on the issue of allowing members to run lights and sirens. He encouraged each board member to research the issue with due diligence in order to satisfy themselves completely. He asked for them to bring any ideas, comments, and or suggestions to the workshop meeting. Beckman asked if the Board would vote on the issue. Kaye noted the Board could mandate a decision or defer to the Chief. Bekken questioned what affect it could have on the community to

have 10-15 vehicles running lights. Blok stated if lights will be allowed it would have to be a mandate from the Board as he will not be the one to allow it.

New Business:

- A. Election of Officers. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Kaye to re-elect the current officers.** Carried unanimously. Wright verified Kaye as the Chairman, Bekken as the Vice-Chairman, and Beckman as the Secretary. Board agreed.
- B. Proposal for Audit. **Motion by Kaye, seconded by Winchester to approve the Siegfried Crandall proposal to audit the 2007/2008 financial statements for a fee not to exceed \$2,200.** Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Blok's Report:

- A. Monthly run sheet reflects the most runs in one month. AMR has been improving their time. Blok noted they are using more vehicles out of Holland. He also stated the department is now using Air Care instead of Air-O-Med.
- B. Talked with Spencer regarding chassis for rescue truck. Cab and chassis will run \$136,000. Board discussed the possibility of purchasing a demo unit discounted at 50¢/mile, typically \$3,500. Board agreed there was plenty of time to shop around.
- C. Discussion on the Brink burn took place. Blok informed the issue was to go to trial tomorrow morning but has been postponed due to the large number of witnesses (33) Brink has stated he will call. Attorney Mark Kinnaman stated Brink indicated he would take the case all the way to the Supreme Court. Board discussion took place as to options available and agreed to involve the EPA and DEQ.
- D. Have a new recruit from Douglas. Eric Waite lives on Spring Street and is a man in his 30's. He is very interested in becoming both a Firefighter and First Responder. This makes a total of 3 new members.
- E. Squirt truck has been sold for \$2,500 to Valley City Truck Parts.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Phelps to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date