

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Phelps, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of August 11, 2008, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve as presented carried unanimously. **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve the minutes of August 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 \$14,517.42. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve paying the bills as presented.** Kaye verified \$452.20 was for only one physical exam and asked if there was anybody else who could perform the exams. Blok stated as far as he knew all area departments use the Holland Medi-Center and board agreed they were not interested in sending members to G.R. Beckman asked which unit required the transmission repairs. Blok stated they were for the backup medical unit. Motion to approve bills as presented carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$15,766.50. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve the payroll as presented.** Carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye noted cash balances were good but that they will need the final payment for the new truck soon. He asked Blok to check with Macatawa to ensure a loan is still available and at what rate so the board can evaluate whether to use cash or borrow for the final truck payment.

Correspondence:

- A. None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Bekken asked Blok if he heard anything from department members about their decision not to change policy for running lights and sirens. He replied no. Winchester reported a discussion

with an MSP trooper who stated he has talked to some members about their driving habits and that the board made the right decision.

- B. Kaye asked about access to the south side of Lakeshore Drive and verified the Chief will be attending a meeting to voice emergency access concerns.

New Business:

- A. None.

Chief Blok's Report:

- A. Monthly run sheet reflects 386 runs to date compared to 387 same time last year. Kaye noted AMR continues to show good response times. Blok stated there will be a meeting in Allegan to discuss the future of ambulance coverage for the county. Discussion took place as what it takes to have the ability to transport.
- B. Blok stated Ottawa County has a haz-mat truck and trained staff to respond to a haz-mat call. He added Young Environmental would still be called for clean up, but Ottawa County is presenting a contract that would authorize a fee-for-service agreement and make them available to respond to a hazardous material situation. **Motion by Winchester, seconded by Bekken to enter into a Fee-For-Service Agreement with Ottawa County Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Team.** Carried unanimously. Discussion took place regarding some potentially hazardous situations and what STFD can respond to and when the department would have to utilize a haz-mat service. Kaye asked if the Ottawa County Haz-Mat Team could be available during the fall open house. Chief will investigate.
- C. Tomorrow at 9:00 am starts jury selection for the Brink burn violation. Blok relayed his knowledge of Brink's defense. He added they have issued another burn violation to a group burning a fiberglass boat.
- D. Cost recovery ordinance has been fully executed in Douglas. Blok stated the Township is about 99% of the way through and the City of Saugatuck has yet to address it, but the City Manager is aware and will proceed. Douglas has approved the 2006 Fire Code, Township has approved and scheduled the publication. The City of Saugatuck is working on it. He stated the next task is to work on a unified burning ordinance. Currently the department issues about 8 burning permits a week.
- E. Open house is October 5th from Noon – 4 pm.
- F. Some of the light lenses have broken on #1123, the rescue truck. Can't find replacement lenses anymore as the company went out of business and there is no inventory that we can find. Glass Enterprises is checking on heat treated glass and still looking into different options.

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

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date