

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009, 7:30 p.m.  
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL  
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

**MINUTES**

Vice-Chairman Gerald Bekken called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Douglas City Representative Gerald Bekken, Saugatuck Township Representative Eric Beckman, At-Large Member Lance Winchester, and At-Large Member Scott Phelps.

**Also present:** Chief John Blok.

**Absent:** Saugatuck City Representative Bill Kaye.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Moved by Winchester, seconded by Beckman to approve the minutes of April 13, 2009, Fire Board regular meeting.** Motion to approve the minutes as presented carried unanimously. **Motion by Phelps, seconded by Winchester to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009 Fire Board workshop meeting as presented.** Carried unanimously.

**Bills and Financial Review:**

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills & Payroll. Bekken presented bills in the amount of \$12,700.35. **Motion by Beckman, seconded by Winchester to approve paying the bills as presented.** Winchester verified the Fris bill was for several invoices. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Bekken presented payroll in the amount of \$29,210.20. **Motion by Beckman, seconded by Winchester to approve the payroll as presented.** Motion to approve payroll carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Bekken reviewed the financial statements and there were no questions.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Unfinished Business:**

- A. 2009/2010 Proposed Budget. Winchester presented the Board with the final budget utilizing a real property tax millage rate of 1.1000 mills. Blok asked to address the budgeted amount of \$168,250 for the new heavy rescue cab and chassis. He explained the FEMA grant would cover \$154,138 of the cost and we have budgeted \$8,112 for our share, plus \$6,000 in miscellaneous body repairs for a total STFD expense of \$14,112. Blok informed the board Spencer is reducing the cost of the chassis by \$14,000 due to their using it as a demo and that credit will lower our cost below the FEMA grant matching funds requirement. He proposed adding a light tower for \$10,000 and DOT body lighting for \$7,390 which would then make our cost, with demo credit applied \$17,502. He noted the cost difference would only be \$3,390 and we would get a much enhanced vehicle. **Motion by Beckman, seconded by Winchester to approve the 2009/2010 budget with an increase to #980 Capital Equipment in the amount of \$3,400 and decrease #999 Transfer to Fund Balance, and to submit the budget to the three municipalities for their approval.** Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:** None.

**Chief Blok's Report:**

- A. Monthly run report. Blok presented the April run report and noted 170 YTD runs compared to 136 same time last year.
- B. Blok reported a news article that stated many departments across the country are reviewing their policy of running with lights and sirens noting running silent has actually reduced the number of accidents without significantly impacting response times.
- C. Purchaser of the old Ford Explorer is not happy with the vehicle stating he has had to spend money to get it on the road and even then it has broken down. Board agreed the vehicle was sold "as is".
- D. Blok stated he has been contacted by a FEMA representative and they are asking for new requirements. He was informed future equipment manufacturers may need to be bonded.
- E. The tool purchase previously approved through the State of Michigan did not go through. The tools were sold to a school. Blok said now the State of Michigan is listing a 10KW diesel generator for \$1,500. Board did not indicate interest in the purchase.
- F. Heavy rescue truck will be gone for re-fitting by Spencer for 4 weeks. Department will use the newest old pumper and make the new pumper the temporary rescue truck. Delivery date of the new heavy rescue truck should be July 1<sup>st</sup>. FEMA is now requesting anyone driving FEMA purchased equipment, have an annual physical with drug testing, and pass year driver training.
- G. Fire boat is in the water.

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

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Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

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Gerald Bekken, Vice-Chairman

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