

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009, 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 Gerald 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 to receive public comment. Receiving none, that portion of the meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Phelps, seconded by Bekken to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009, Fire Board regular meeting as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Phelps, seconded by Beckman to approve the minutes of June 22, 2009 Fire Board workshop meeting as presented.** Carried unanimously.

Bills and Financial Review:

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills & Payroll. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$7,652.83. **Motion by Beckman, seconded by Phelps to approve paying the bills as presented.** Kaye verified the bill to Tammy Cook was for First Responder Instructor pay. Motion to pay bills carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$12,613.20. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve the payroll as presented.** Motion to approve payroll carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye noted the financial statements reflect the year end balances with approved budget amendments. He also noted the cash balances were satisfactory.
- C. Quarterly Transaction Review. Board reviewed the previous quarter operational expenses and acknowledged all were appropriately coded.

Correspondence:

None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Kaye reported the City of Saugatuck has not passed the Cost Recovery Ordinance yet, but they have had the ordinance reviewed by their attorney and the City Manager has assured us they will be voting on it tonight and it should pass.

New Business:

None.

Chief Blok's Report:

- A. Monthly run report. Blok presented the June run report and noted 274 YTD runs compared to 230 same time last year. He noted July has been busy and they are currently at 299 with 6 runs just today. Many older people are requiring assistance.
- B. The new heavy rescue truck is in service and was in the 4th of July parade. Blok stated it is a very nice unit. He added the FEMA grant money was received and the truck has been paid for. We will pick up the old chassis and advertise it for sale. It would be a good truck for a landscaper or similar, once they fitted it with a flat bed. Blok estimated it had 10,000 miles on it and suggested a sale price of \$3,000. Board agreed.
- C. Fire school is complete with 5 people going through. All practical testing is done and should get word from the State if the people passed within 2 weeks. Next step is the written test which will cost \$100 for any re-takes should a person initially fail. Board recognized the cost is worthwhile.
- D. Blok stated he personally purchased the 10kw diesel generator that was available through the State Surplus program, as it was such a good deal. He commented that he might consider trading the department for the smaller gas unit unless the Board had a problem with that. Kaye asked what circumstance would Blok foresee using the larger Onan unit. Blok stated anytime there was a major power outage in the area, and it could be loaned to a business during a disaster situation.
- E. Department receives about 4 calls a day for burning permits. Recently gave a permit to a Lakeshore resident to burn some brush which turned out to be a stack of creosote treated railroad ties. After several neighbors complained about the smoke the department was called to the scene at which time the resident was directed to extinguish the fire.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date