

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP HALL
3461 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MICHIGAN 49453**

MINUTES

Chairman Bill Kaye called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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.

Audience: None.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Phelps, seconded by Beckman to approve the minutes of August 9, 2010, Fire Board regular meeting as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to approved the minutes of August 23, 2010, Fire Board workshop meeting as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

Bills and Financial Review:

- A. Discussion and Approval of Bills & Payroll. Kaye presented bills in the amount of \$14,916.24. **Motion by Bekken, seconded by Beckman to approve paying the bills as presented.** Motion carried unanimously. Kaye presented payroll in the amount of \$13,034.60. **Motion by Phelps, seconded by Bekken to approve the payroll as presented.** Motion to approve payroll carried unanimously.
- B. Review of Financial Statements. Kaye asked to move money from the Class Pool into Macatawa Checking in \$60,000 transaction amounts as necessary to maintain a balance.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Proposed Resolution to Adopt MERS Benefit "E". Kaye asked Wright to explain the benefit program. Wright stated if the Board would desire to increase the current retiree benefits by 2% for 2011 as a cost of living adjustment, they would be required to pass the proposed resolution and submit it to MERS by October 15, 2010. She added the cost of adopting the benefit would be approximately \$600 and be in the form of an increased contribution percentage of current active member payroll. **Motion by Kaye, seconded by Phelps to adopt the Uniform Resolution for Adopting Benefit Program "E" increase to be effective on adjustment date January 1, 2011 as presented.** Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Kaye asked Wright to explain the impact the Township's tax tribunal settlement with McClendon would make to the Fire District's budget. She stated the amount given before of \$9,374.47 would be due to the Allegan County Treasurer when a bill is received, most likely within a month, which is the total of 3 prior tax years of 2007, 2008, and 2009. She added that there would be an additional budget amendment required to reduce the amount of tax revenue the district will receive from the township for the current budget year of \$9,628.93.

New Business: None.

Chief Blok's Report:

- A. Blok stated the open house will be held October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. This will be the start of Fire Prevention Week.
- B. An insurance claim has been filed for an incident during a medical call when a responding member driving the medical unit sideswiped Greg Janik's personal vehicle. The department's unit was able to be repaired in-house but Janik's vehicle sustained \$1,233 in damages. Insurance coverage has a \$250 deductible.
- C. YTD calls are at 427, same time last year 396.

There being no further business it was **Moved by Bekken, seconded by Winchester to adjourn at 9:20 a.m.** Carried unanimously.

Jane Wright, CMC, Township Clerk

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date