

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Monday March 28, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BARN
3342 BLUE STAR HWY, SAUGATUCK, MI 49453
MINUTES**

Chairman Kaye called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Members present: Chairman and Saugatuck City Representative Bill Kaye, Douglas City Representative Jerry Bekken, Saugatuck Township Representative Eric Beckman, At-large Member Lance Winchester, At-large Member Scott Phelps

Also Present: Chief John Blok

Absent: None

Chiefs Report:

- 1) **Water Bill-** Chief Blok had receipts from previous water bills that were approximately \$ 10-13.00 a month. The latest bill came to approximately \$ 72.00. Chief checked with Phil Quade and Phil said it was because of the size of the line to the Fire Barn. This is a 560% increase. The Board requested that Chief call KLWSA for an explanation.
- 2) **FCC Split Banding Radios-** The FCC is requiring STFD (all emergency agencies) use a split band radio and must be in compliance by mid 2012. Chief believes we have 5 radios that can be reprogrammed but we will have to replace the rest at a cost of approximately \$ 2,500 per handheld. Chief estimated that worst case scenario is \$ 60,000.

Motion by Phelps, seconded by Winchester to enter into closed session.

Roll call vote:

Kaye-yes, Bekken-yes, Beckman-yes, Winchester-yes, Phelps-yes. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Open session was suspended at 6:45 p.m.

Open session was reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

- 3) **Vacation Pay-** The Chief requested pay for unused 2010 vacation days (4 weeks). A motion was made by Kaye, Phelps 2nd. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4) **Inspector Position-** Chairman Kaye submitted an ad (Inspector Position) for the Board and Chief to review. It was determined that the ad should be placed in the Commercial Record, Local Observer and the Holland Sentinel- Sunday paper only. Chief Blok questioned how this position was going to be filled and stated that the By-laws read that the Board hires the Chief and the Chief hires the staff. Chairman Kaye pointed out that the Chief hires the staff with Board approval after a candidate goes through the proper procedure which includes going before the Personnel Committee. Chief Blok was adamant that he has final say and that if he does not he is giving his 30 notice for his retirement. Chief Blok said he was planning on retiring at the end of the year. Chairmen Kaye said we will run the ad!

At 7:17 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

Eric Beckman, Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date