

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD  
WORKSHOP MEETING**

**Tuesday May 31, 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:** Interim Chief Linus Starring, Lori Nash

**Absent:** None

**Interim Chief Starring's Report:**

- Quite a few fires due to inclement weather over the weekend, 5 on Sunday alone.
  - Basement Fire on Blue Star- Structure was loaded with a lot of stuff. STFD was able to put it out with very little damage and only approximately 5000gals of water.
  - Ferry St. - Lightning strike; blew the electrical box off the house.
  - Maple St. - Shed fire. We did have mutual aid from Graafschap Fire department.
    - Note: GFD truck got stuck and they called K & R to pull it out. We will pay that bill when they receive it.
    - Crew stuck around to clean up trucks on Sunday night. They ordered Pizza from various locations. Special Thank you goes out to Marro's Pizza for donating pizzas.
- White Ford rescue truck (Ghost Buster Truck) sold for \$ 2,500.
- Ladder testing: Complete. All but one ladder passed inspection. That ladder will be red tagged and used around the Fire Barn.
- Blue Star Bridge: Brent Van Oss attended a meeting regarding the reconstruction of the Blue Star Bridge. The Bridge will be one lane after Labor Day 2011 till sometime next June 2012. Chief will investigate putting on truck on the south side of the bridge.
- Jeep- It needs to be determined if the Jeep can be sold "AS IS" or with a disclaimer regarding the body. Chairman Kaye asked if he could take a look at it.
- Fire Boat- Kenny Giles-Saugatuck/Douglas Police Marine Division expressed concern that we decided not to put the fire boat in the water. Cal Haverdink from Graafschap Fire Department also voiced his concern. We were all in agreement that the boat has limited use with the water levels the way they are and we don't have enough trained people to run it
  - Long term plans: The Board would like to come up with a strategy to sell the boat and replace it with a boat that would better serve our needs. Chairman Kaye recommended we look at something like a Carolina Skiffs.
  - Board Member Beckman asked if a Captains License is required to run the boat. Chief Starring was going to look into that question.
- Spencer Fire Truck- Truck 1221 will be taken to Spencer to have the pressure relief valve look at. The main packing is leaking.
- New truck Recall- This is more like a service complaint instead of a recall. We had our trucks serial # checked and they showed no problems.
- Heavy Rescue Unit- Chairman Kaye asked if we could get some quote to paint the box. We all agree it needs to match the cab.
- Equipment Inspection: Brent Van Oss- Inspected the equipment and many of our helmets our over 20years old. Lori presented the Board with a list of equipment that needs to be updated or replaced:
  - Helmets
  - Boots
  - Portable Generator lights
  - Gloves
  - Flashlights

Chairman Kaye asked Lori if she could put together a wish list and prioritize it.

Lori also informed the board their may be some matching funds through the DNRE, up to \$ 4,999 for some of this equipment.

- KLWSA- Lori talked to KLWSA about the change in our bill and was told they will look into it.
- Old Hose Reel with Hose was donated to the Museum.
- Shell Gas Cards- On hold, the Board would like to find out what the Michigan State Police use.
- Accident & Sickness Policy- 2011-2012 small increase.
- Laptop Computers Estimates- Tough Books \*note: Program underutilized.
  - Inspections- ~ \$ 1,800
  - Medical first responder truck- ~ \$ 3,200
  - Next year- Truck # 1220 First Responder- ~ \$ 3,500
- Pulse Ox machine- \$ 700.00

Chairman Kaye: A motion was made seconded by Bekken to revise the Vacation policy. Pass unanimously.

Section 6.4. Vacation Carryover. “The policy provides for up to five (5) days of unused vacation to be carried over to the next calendar year. These carry-over days must be used prior to March 31 of that year”. Any additional unused vacation days will be lost.

At 7:45 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

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Eric Beckman, Recording Secretary

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Bill Kaye, Chairman

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