

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE BOARD
MEETING**

**Monday August 22, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE STATION
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

Absent: None

Chairman Kaye:

- **Chief Background Check:** Everything checks out satisfactory and we expect Brian to start 8/29/11 @ 8:00am.
- **Saugatuck Dunes LLC:** Agreed to let us dock the Fireboat at the old Broward Factory Slip. A non-binding contract is on file. Douglas City Representative Jerry Bekken expressed concerns on how this communication was conducted. Jerry said he “heard it on the streets” that the Fireboat was going to be moved. Chairman Kaye apologized and explained the move was made swiftly and by the time he had a chance to call Jerry the boat was already there. The Board all agreed it was a great move for the community.
 - **Lucy St. Dock:** The board would like to see the ~~Ski~~ Sea-doo's and Whaler at the Lucy St. Dock.
 - **Dock Box-** for life jackets and other equipment.
- **Security Camera-** Will be installed on the Fireboat and recorded to a memory card.
- **McClendon Property:** Scott Phelps recommends we have the security code at the property changed.
- **Personnel File-** The Board would like to have Brian’s personnel file maintained off site at the Township office for access by Board members only. All other personnel files will be maintained by the Chief in his office.
- **Vehicle-** The Expedition will continue to be the Duty officer’s vehicle and we will look for another vehicle for Chief.

Interim Chief Starring’s Report:

- **Fire Boat**
 - Joint Training will be done with the Allegan County Dive team (8/22/11) they are required (by the U.S. Coast Guard) to train a man overboard exercise from the chain ferry.
 - Filled 100+gallons of fuel with Stabilizer.
 - Battery Charger: Overcharging- Linus asked Bruce Starring his opinion; he brought a 24 volt Smart Charger from Tiara that was returned. He said we would be able to purchase it for a \$ 100.00or less.
 - Block Heaters: Chairman Kaye reminded Linus that as the weather is starting to get cold we need to utilize the block heaters.
- **Change in Command:** Monday 8/29/11 at 8:00am
- **Checking Accounts-** Will add Brian to the checking account and we will leave Linus on as an authorized user.

At 7:10 p.m. having no further business to come before the board they stood adjourned.

Eric Beckman, Recording Secretary

Date

Bill Kaye, Chairman

Date