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SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
6:30pm March 16, 2015

1. Call to Order / Roll Call: Chairperson Jane Verplank called the meeting to order at 6:30pm
Members Present: Beckman, McIlwaine, Verplank, Bekken
Members Absent: Schmidt, Zavislak, Phelps
Also Present at the Board Table: Chief Janik, Peter Stanislawski
2. Approval of Agenda: *Motion by E. Beckman, Second by McIlwaine... All Yes*
3. Guest Speaker: **MDOT – Comments from Mike Streeor –**
Mr. Streeor was in attendance to discuss the new Arrow Stick(s) purchased by STFD. He stated that MDOT was pleased with the purchase and offered MDOT approved training when deploying the Arrow Stick. He wanted to make sure that STFD and MDOT were “on the same page” when responding to highway incidents with safety being the main priority for both groups.
STFD Officers Also in Attendance: L. Starring, B. VanOss, C. Mantels, J. Dornbush, S. Seymour and Chief Cal Haverdink with **Graafschap Fire Dept.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved by G. Bekken, Support from Beckman. All in Favor, Carries Unanimously
4. Fire Chief Comments:
 - A. **Incident Reports / Calls to Date: #150 YTD.** Chief Janik remarked that Incidents are up 10%, 74% are EMS calls and that Motor Vehicle accidents are up significantly from 2013 and 2014.
J. Verplank remarked that new Reflective Jackets, Safety Cones and Arrow Sticks have been purchased recently for improved safety.
E. Kirchert Power Point Presentation.
 - B. **Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention Level I Course – 5 Members Completed Course**
A Total of 18 individuals attended and 5 local Responders are now certified.
Chief Janik remarked that STFD’s total cost was \$102.00
 - C. **Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs 2015 Winter Conference, Feb. 27 & 28**
Chief Janik thanked the board and felt there were several informative classes.
 - D. **ISFSI Training – Principles of Modern Fire Attack, March 5 & 6**
Chief Janik and Training Officer M. Betts attended. Officer Betts will be incorporating “new” suppression strategies into future Responder training.
 - E. **Semco Energy - \$1,000 Donation Towards the Purchase of Secondary Four Gas Meter**
Semco donated \$1,000 at the request of Chief Janik. Michigan Gas has not responded the Fire District’s request(s) for help to defray the cost.
 - F. **Grant Awards:**
 1. **MMRMA - \$2,500 for Thermal Imaging Camera**
 2. **MMRMA - \$2,983 for 50% Reimbursement for Fire Alarm System Installation**
Both were funded by grant requests written by STFD.

G. Reminder of Awards Dinner – March 21, 2015

Jane Verplank updated the meeting attendees that a “big” turnout was expected (68 total)

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items: Officer L. Starring had a question regarding the status of the proposed “Annuity Program”.
6. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables** - Motion by E. Beckman to pay the bills in the amount of \$38,495.06. Second by McIlwaine. After review McIlwaine had questions regarding the Arrow Stick purchase and also the software and gloves from Moses Fire Equipment (MFE). Bekken asked for clarification in regards to the Lawyer bill. Chief Janik explained the charge is related to the new Burn Ordinance being proposed. All in favor.
 - B. **Financial Report** – Reviewed by P. Stanislawski. E. Beckman asked if Medical and Fire calls are paid quarterly, Yes.
7. Unfinished Business:
 - A. **Grace of Douglas – Priority 3 Costs**
(Review in Progress) Per Chief Janik “still pending”
 - B. **School Latching Devices – SPS Will Be Looking at Alternatives**
Chief Janik announced that he had met with Mr. Timmerman at Saugatuck Public Schools and all magnets were ordered to be removed – This was reported to the state by Chief Janik.
 - C. **Hydrant Maintenance**
Officer B. VanOss and Chief Janik are in agreement that hydrant maintenance (or lack of) is a serious problem. Chief Janik remarked that he’s starting to feel like a “nag” when discussing this issue with local government officials. Jane V. asked the board members in attendance to please be pro-active in the communities they represent regarding this matter. Verplank informed those in attendance that a map of all hydrant locations was in the process of being created by the city.
The next step will be to make sure all hydrants are clearly marked this summer.
8. New Business:
 - A. **Burn Ordinance Review**
(See 7A. Accounts Payable) Chief Janik stated that certain elements of the current ordinance were unclear. For example recreational fires and approved containers are not defined making the interpretation process difficult.
 - B. **Michigan S.A.F.E., Michigan Fire and Life Safety Educators Coalition and Operation Save A Life / Free Smoke Alarms & CO Detectors** - The residents (non-income properties) and businesses within STFD are now eligible. Chief Janik is a new member of S.A.F.E.
9. Board Comments: None
10. Public Comments: None
11. Adjournment: Motion G. Bekken 8:00pm

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