



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT



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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Roll Call: Called to order by J. Verplank at 4:01pm  
Present: R. McIlwaine, E. Beckman, J. Schmidt, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, K. Mooradian, T. Christensen  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, P. Stanislawski
2. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*):
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - A. **July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
    - a. **Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to approve minutes. All Approve. Motion carries unanimously.**
  - B. **July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**
    - a. **Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mooradian to approve Minutes. All Approve. Motion carries unanimously.**
4. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes): None
5. Fire Chief Comments:
  - A. **Fire Prevention Open House – Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 – 12:00pm – 3:00pm**
    1. **Free chicken dinner again, and work begins at tomorrow's Officer's Meeting.**
  - B. **Recognition Award Discussion - Gerald Bekken – Possible State Tribute**
    1. **Discussion about possible Bugle award and verbiage for plaque.**
    2. **Board approves purchase of the award, and hope to present at Open House.**
  - C. **Incident Reports / Calls to Date**
    1. **Incident report statistics to date were reviewed. 498 calls year to date.**
    2. **July MV incidents were rather high due to I-196 Construction.**
    3. **5:28 – Average response time year to date.**
  - D. **Inspections/Plan Reviews**
    1. **Inspections since the 7/18/16 board meeting were reviewed. 38 inspections were completed.**
  - E. **Cost Recoveries - \$5427.28 received since last meeting**
    1. **Cost recovery spreadsheet was reviewed.**
  - F. **Grant Funds Received - \$1,695 for Back Station Fire Alarm System**
    1. **FYI Check was received from MMRMA insurance company.**
  - G. **Consumers Energy Invoice to date - \$291 less than 2015**
    1. **Even with hotter summer, LED lighting is helping to pay off.**
  - H. **Motor Vehicle Incidents on I-196 – Update**
    1. **Discussed meeting with MDOT from Thursday 8/11/16**
    2. **Discussed extra costs to taxpayers being \$9,156 just for I-196 construction zone accidents to date.**
6. Request for Payment:
  - A. **Account Payables**
    - a. **Motion by Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to pay the bills in the amount of \$130,254.23. No discussion All Approve, Motion carries unanimously.**



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- B. Financial Report**
  - a. Financial Report was reviewed by P. Stanislawski.
  - b. Discussed Special Events, and if there was ever an outcome for football standby staffing requirements and needs of Saugatuck Public Schools. Chief to follow up with SPS and find out what they desire to do going forward.
7. Unfinished Business:
  - A. Tuition Plan**
    - a. Still in progress with the attorney.
  - B. Fund Raising Status - \$6,085 received to date**
    - a. Fund raising is going very well.
    - b. Plan to attend Sidewalk Sale in Saugatuck.
  - C. Live Fire Training Facility Proposal Update**
    - a. Saugatuck Township Planning Commission Meeting - 8/22/2016 – 7:00pm
    - b. Notices were never sent to neighbors prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> planning commission meeting. We will be presenting at the next meeting on 8/22.
    - c. Chief Denbleyker of Graafschap found that we can acquire several points for ISO points towards the community insurance rating.
    - d. After receiving planning commission approval, we will approach the Fire Board for permission and funding to move forward.
  - D. Genesis E-Draulic Tool Update**
    - a. E-Draulic Ram received and placed in service 8/4/2016
    - b. E-Draulic Spreaders are a 4-6 week lead time from order date of 7/30/2016
    - c. Demonstrated how quietly the tools can be utilized.
  - E. Truck 2172 Update – Ford Expedition**
    - a. Truck Received 8/2/2016 – Stripped down and running wiring.
  - F. Truck 2171 Update – Ram Truck**
    - a. Delivery to Wayland Chrysler scheduled for 8/28/2016
8. New Business:
  - A. Revised Ganges Automatic Aid Agreement**
    - a. STFD will be responding to a larger area in Ganges Township
    - b. Ganges Deputy Chief Dan Diaz came to request if STFD will respond to the entire Ganges district similar to how Ganges responds to STFD for automatic aid. Additionally, STFD will respond to all of Ganges Township upon request.
  - B. Video – Why do newer homes burn faster?**
    - a. Video from the Today Show was watched.
    - b. Discussion about how to use the video to further educate the public.
    - c. Discussed possibility of showing video at Open House.
9. Correspondence: None
10. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes): None
11. Fire Board Comments: J. Verplank discussed the Tornado last Friday and how well the department handled the incidents in Saugatuck, Douglas, and the Township.
12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

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