



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – February 18th, 2019

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order / Roll Call: **Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:01pm**
PRESENT: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, K. Mooradian, A. Miller
ABSENT with Notice: None
Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, P. Stanislawski
2. Reminder: It is requested that the board silences cell phones and put them away for the duration of the meeting.
3. Pledge of Allegiance (*Stand if you are able*):
4. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*):
 - A. **Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Beckman to approve the agenda as presented. No Discussion, motion carries unanimously.**
5. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **January 21st, 2019**
 - a. **Motion by Miller, 2nd by Mooradian to approve the minutes of the 1/21/2019 meeting as presented. No discussion, motion carries unanimously.**
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes): **None**
7. **Special Guest Speaker – MIOSHA Collaborative Grant**
 - A. **Chief Doug DenBleyker of Graafschap Fire**
 1. **Chief DenBleyker discussed the collaborative grants and purchased since 2015.**
 2. **Collaborative Resourcing is a great way to pool funding and use it wisely.**
 3. **The Message Board was awarded through the MIOSHA Safety Grant Program**
 1. **MIOSHA contributed \$4987.50**
 2. **Allegan County Emergency Management will contribute \$2,000.00**
 3. **K&R Towing contributed \$500.00**
 4. **Reliable Towing contributed \$750.00**
 5. **Holland Fire Department contributing \$500.00**
 6. **Graafschap Fire Department contributing \$500.00**

This tool will be housed and deployed by Graafschap Fire for any agencies that need a message board on the expressway or other roadways when operating at emergency incidents.
8. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables (Roll Call Vote)**

Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Fox To pay the invoices in the amount of \$74,497.79. No discussion.
YEAS: Phelps, Fox, Miller, Mooradian, Aldrich, Beckman, Verplank
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion Passes 7:0
 - B. **Financial Report**
 - i. **Financial Report was reviewed by P. Stanislawski.**

Discussion ensued about truck payments and officer stipends.



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9. Fire Chief Comments:

A. Incident Reports / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls

1. Incident report statistics were reviewed – 102 calls year to date for 2019
2. 5:57 – average response time year to date.
 - i. Discussion ensued about the possibility of State or Federal funding to help reimburse costs to emergency responses on the interstate.
 - ii. The Fire District has four on staff traffic incident management instructors, and one of the best highway safety programs in Michigan.
 - iii. Discussion ensued about the increase in motor vehicle incidents and the continued need to purchase roadway safety equipment.

B. Community Risk Reduction

1. State of Michigan experienced 4 fatal fires year to date for 2019, 4 since last meeting.

C. Personnel Certifications

1. Harry Minniear – National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians – EMT-B

D. Live Fire Training Facility Update

1. The Engineer that designed the project is no longer with the City of Grand Rapids, so Grand Rapids has decided to refund the \$5,000 project fee due to the inability to uphold their end of the contract.
2. Fleis and Vandenbrink Engineering has agreed to take over the project and see it through completion.
3. Working through some concerns with the concrete anchors.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Capital Plan Review

1. No further questions on the Capital Plan at this time

11. New Business:

A. @saugatuckfire.org email addresses for fire board members and all personnel – Discussion

1. All the firefighters should have the department email addresses.
2. At this time, the board is not interested in having department email addresses.

12. Correspondence:

A. Grant Announcement

1. K. Harrier of Saugatuck thanked the Fire District for their assistance in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the City of Saugatuck police cars. Discussion ensued.

13. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes): None

14. Fire Board Comments:

- A. E. Beckman asked if there was any update on the Fire Boat Dock. Discussion ensued. The dock project will be discussed with the command staff at the next Fire Officer Meeting.
- B. S. Aldrich discussed the sprinkler systems at Northshores of Saugatuck LLC. Chief Janik doesn't understand the purpose of alternative means of protection such as sprinkling non-residential buildings in the Consent Judgement when any other development in the Fire District of that size that only has one road in, and one way out, would be required to sprinkle the development. The Fire District has stated its position, and if the Township does not choose to enforce it, that is their decision. Stacey feels the Township should not drop this and should continue to discuss. Discussion ensued.

15. Adjournment:

- A. Meeting adjourned at 5:16pm

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