



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD "SPECIAL" MEETING

4:00pm – May 6th, 2019

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:02pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance (*Stand if you are able*):
3. Roll Call:
PRESENT: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank,
ABSENT with Notice: S. Phelps, A. Miller
ALSO Present: Chief Greg Janik, P. Stanislawski
4. Reminder: It is requested that the board silences cell phones and put them away for the duration of the meeting.
5. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*): **Motion by Beckman, 2nd by Fox to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion, motion passes by unanimous voice vote.**
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes): **None**
7. New Business:
 - A. **#2174 – 2019 RAM Truck Capital Justification Amendment (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Beckman 2nd by Aldrich to authorize Fire District staff to add an additional \$3,000.00 to the purchase of the 2019 RAM 3500 Pickup Truck from *Wayland Chrysler*, including the Reading aluminum service body, lighting, lettering, equipment, and arrow board, with a revised not to exceed amount of \$83,000.00. Discussion ensued to use the MI Gov dealers in the future and not use K&M Wayland or non-MI Gov dealers in the future.
YEAS: Beckman, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, Mooradian
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Phelps, Miller
Motion Passes: 5:0
 - B. **Budget & Staffing – Discussion**
 1. Chief Janik presented the proposed budget and discussed changes to provide a stipend for paid on call staff and adding a full-time position to assist in keeping up with the rental inspection workload and pre-plans.
 2. Discussion ensued about rental inspection and plan review fees. Fox suggested raising the rental inspection fees.
 3. Fire District staff will provide a document with amended rental fees at an upcoming regular meeting.
 - C. **Millage Proposal**
 1. Discussion about raising the millage 0.2 to a total of 2.2 mils ensued. This would cost homeowners with a value of \$400,000 or a taxable value of \$200,000, approximately \$40.00 annually.
 2. Everyone present feels that raising the millage to cover the paid-on call stipend would be received fairly well by the municipalities as the Fire District currently monopolizes a lot of family time with no compensation.



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3. Beckman requested a one-page document that explains what the 0.2 mills would generate, and what the additional funding would be used for to be shared with the public and the municipalities the fire district serves.
 1. Past several years of millage.
 2. What the increase will be used for.
 3. What the estimated cost per taxpayer will be.
 4. Call volume per year along with the millage at that time.

8. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):
 - A. C. Mantels thanked the board for their efforts in the budgeting process.

9. Fire Board Comments:
 - A. D. Fox discussed the fireboats and the cost of running them. Discussion ensued.

10. Adjournment:
 - A. Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.

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