



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – August 19th, 2019

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:01pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (*Stand if you are able*):
3. Roll Call:
PRESENT: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, K. Mooradian
ABSENT with Notice: 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*):
 - A. **Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Aldrich to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion, motion carries unanimously.**
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **July 15th, 2019**
 - a. **Motion by Fox, 2nd by Phelps to approve the minutes of the 7/15/2019 regular meeting as presented. No discussion; motion carries unanimously.**
 - B. **July 22nd, 2019 – Special**
 - a. **Motion by Aldrich, 2nd by Fox to approve the minutes of the 7/22/2019 special meeting as presented. Discussion ensued; motion carries unanimously.**
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes):
 - A. **John Adams, President of Friends of the Blue Star Trail – Discussed the Blue Star Trail.**
 - B. **Kathy Mooradian – Douglas Fire Board Rep – Read a statement and would like it in the minutes.**
8. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Beckman To pay the invoices in the amount of \$141,478.02. Discussion ensued.
YEAS: Phelps, Beckman, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, Mooradian
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Miller
Motion Passes 7:0
 - B. **Financial Report**
 - i. **Financial report was reviewed by P. Stanislawski**
9. Fire Chief Comments:
 - A. **Incident Reports / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
 1. **Incident report statistics were reviewed – 560 calls year to date for as of July of 2019.**
 2. **5:44 – Average response time year to date.**
 - B. **Community Risk Reduction**
 1. **State of Michigan experienced 57 fatal fires year to date for 2019, 2 since last meeting.**
10. Unfinished Business:
 - A. **Resolution 2019-01 (Roll Call Vote)**
 1. **Cost recovery ordinances were discussed and already allow to invoice for excessive response. Chief Janik recommends using the existing language and forgo the resolution.**



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11. New Business:

A. Emergency Vehicle Response Times across Blue Star Highway Bridge

1. An incident report for a Priority #1 response was reviewed.
2. A video was reviewed for a Priority #1 response headed south on Blue Star.
3. Discussion ensued about traffic and safety across the Blue Star corridor.
4. The Board feels it is up to the Fire District staff to figure out what they need for safety.

B. Insurance Services Office (ISO) Audit Summary

1. The Fire District is going through their survey with ISO for the property protection classification (PPC) rating, which has effects on the property insurance rates for the entire District. Information for the survey regarding water infrastructure was delayed from KLSWA and just received this morning. The survey will take place on Wednesday 8/21/19.

12. Correspondence:

A. Thank you

1. A thank you was received and read to the board by Chief Janik.

B. Aaron Miller Letter was read and requested to be a part of the public record.

13. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):

- A. Jeffrey Bianci – Douglas Resident – discussed frustration with the Blue Star Trail process.
- B. Dick Waskin – Saugatuck Township – discussed safety on Blue Star Highway for everyone.
- C. Chuck Meyers – Saugatuck Township – believes the Fire Board is here to protect all citizens and the existing trail through Douglas is a disaster.
- D. Barbara Lucier – Saugatuck Resident – talked about Park and Ferry Streets.
- E. Greg Janik – is the one who worked with the Blue Star Trail in Douglas to transit the bike trail in the event of congestion on Blue Star. This activity is now prohibited by Fire District personnel. We will figure out the trail and come up with a safe solution for everyone.
- F. Clark Carmichael – Vice President FOTBST – appreciates the opportunity to work with the Fire District.
- G. Elliott Sturm – Saugatuck Township – concerned about amount of traffic on Blue Star Hwy. when I196 is shut down.
- H. Chris Mantels – looks forward to laying out plan to make sure it is safe for everyone.

14. Fire Board Comments:

- A. K. Mooradian did not talk to Aaron Miller. Will go on record that Douglas made some mistakes with their trail plan as they struggled to meet their counterparts half way across the bridge. Kathy is willing to fight for funding in Douglas to make things better.
- B. S. Aldrich – The Township has reinstated the International Fire Code in its entirety and has reinstated the AMR contract in Fennville.
- C. D. Fox apologized for sending people down the wrong angle.
- D. J. Verplank is not against bicycle trails. She wants it to be done safely for everyone.

15. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.

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