



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – December 16th, 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, D. Fox, J. Verplank, T. Pullen
ABSENT with Notice: E. Beckman, 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*):
 - A. **Motion by Fox 2nd by Aldrich to approve the agenda as amended adding #13A & #13B correspondence. No discussion, motion carries unanimously.**
6. **Welcome New Member & Swearing in Oath of Office – Tarue Pullen**
 - A. **T. Pullen was sworn in by Chief Janik**
7. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **November 18th, 2019**
 - a. **Motion by Aldrich, 2nd by Fox to approve the minutes of the 11/18/2019 meeting as presented. No discussion, motion carries unanimously.**
8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes): **None**
9. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Fox to pay the invoices in the amount of \$113,300.46. Discussion ensued.
YAYS: Pullen, Fox, Aldrich, Verplank
NAYS: None
ABSENT with Notice: Beckman, Phelps, Miller
Motion passes 4:0
 - B. **Financial Report**
 - i. **Financial report was reviewed by P. Stanislawski.**
10. Fire Chief Comments:
 - A. **Incident Reports / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
 1. **Incident report statistics were reviewed – 938 calls year to date.**
 2. **5:39 – average response time year to date.**
 - i. **Fox requested reports breaking out response times by geographic area. E. Kirchert will work on new reports to reflect these.**
 - B. **Community Risk Reduction**
 1. **State of Michigan experienced 95 fatal fires year to date for 2019, 20 since last meeting.**
11. Unfinished Business:
 - A. **None**
12. New Business:
 - A. **Fire Board and Fire Code Board of Appeals Member Pay Rates**
 1. **Discussion ensued that the Fire Board is currently paid \$26.00 per meeting, with the local average being \$50.00-\$75.00 per meeting. Will be discussed again at a future meeting when there is a full board present.**



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- B. Michigan Public Services Commission – Request for Fire Board to write letter regarding MPSC Docket No. U-20629 for down utility line emergency response.
 - 1. All agree to write a letter opposing the 6 hours, have it be signed by all Fire Board Members, and also send it to Representative Whiteford, Senator Nesbitt, Representative, Upton, and all of the local municipalities.
- C. Fire Board 2020 Schedule of Meetings Approval (Roll Call Vote)
 - 1. Motion by Fox, 2nd by Pullen to approve the Fire Board Schedule of Meetings for 2020 as presented.
 - YAYS: Fox, Pullen, Aldrich, Verplank
 - NAYS: None
 - ABSENT with Notice: Beckman, Phelps, Miller
 - Motion passes 4:0

13. Correspondence:

- A. Email from homeowner Lyn Eickhoff at Yamoto Way thanking the Fire District for their professionalism and competence demonstrated by each member while saving her house from fire.
- B. Thank you letter from Representative Whiteford and laminated articles from jobs well done by the Fire District over the past year.

14. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes): **None**

15. Fire Board Comments:

- A. Chief Janik reviewed pictures of Lakeshore Drive, and showed pictures of the brush truck that has been outfitted with Large Diameter Hose, tools, and airpacks to service the 14 homes north of the affected area.
- B. T. Pullen is glad to be a part of the board and believes our agendas and minutes are very well presented.

16. Adjournment: **Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm**

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