



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – March 15th, 2021

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:00pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance (*Stand if you are able*):
3. Roll Call:
PRESENT: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, T. Pullen, A. Miller
ABSENT with Notice: None
Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, P. Stanislawski
4. Reminder: It is requested the board silences cell phones and put them away for the duration of the meeting.
5. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*): **(Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Aldrich to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion.
YAYS: Pullen, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Phelps, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 7:0.
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **February 15th, 2021 (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Fox to approve the minutes of the 2/15/2020 meeting as presented. No discussion.
YAYS: Phelps, Fox, Aldrich, Beckman, Verplank, Pullen, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 7:0.
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes): *Use the "raise hand" button in the participants screen in Zoom or enter *9 if you are calling in by phone to raise hand. You will be recognized and unmuted to speak in the order received.:*
 - A. **None**



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8. Request for Payment:

A. Account Payables (*Roll Call Vote*)

Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Pullen to pay the invoices in the amount of \$156,724.42. No discussion.

YAYS: Phelps, Pullen, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0.

B. Financial Report

- i. Financial report reviewed by P. Stanislawski.

9. Fire Chief Comments:

A. Incident Reports / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls

1. Incident report statistics year to date were reviewed – 126 incidents year to date.

2. 7:28 – average response time year to date

B. Community Risk Reduction

1. State of Michigan experienced 30 fire fatalities in 27 fires year to date for 2021.

C. Apparatus

1. 2151 Emergency Pump Shaft and Housing Repair

- i. Pictures were shown of the pump shafts that failed and had to be repaired, as well as the crackled housing. Total cost for both repairs is \$17,500.

2. 1990 Ambar Rescue Boat (Former 2192) Sold for \$5,000.00 to Presque Isle Fire Dept.

- i. Thank you to Chris Mantels who negotiated and handled the sale of the boat to the fire department.

D. Thank You's

1. Saugatuck Public Schools – Hosting immunization clinic.

2. Saugatuck Golf Carts – Bill Wester – Golf Cart for SPS immunization clinic donated.

3. Back Alley Pizza – Lunch for immunization clinic volunteers.

4. MDOT – Message board for SPS immunization clinic.

5. Graafschap Fire – Message board for SPS immunization clinic.

6. Saugatuck Center for the Arts – Parking for SPS Students.

- i. Overall, many thanks to the community for pulling off such a successful immunization clinic.
- ii. Thanks to Chief Janik, Vicki Janik, and David Blatt for volunteering to work the Allegan County clinics 2-3 days per week.

E. Grants

1. AAA Traffic Safety Grant – submitted for Vehicle Stabilization Struts

- i. Discussion ensued about what struts are, and some examples were provided.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Wage Study Update

1. Dan Fox provided an update that he is working with Lt. Bernhardt to create the document and gather information. Will likely meet as a committee again soon.

B. Subpoena / Lawsuit Update

1. Fire District's insurance counsel provided a response to the Subpoena by the deadline of 3/8/2021.



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11. New Business:

A. Funding Approval Request – Tri-Community Recycling Day

- i. Chief Janik explained the request to host and support the Household Hazardous Waste Day.
- ii. Guest Garnet Lewis explained how the program is proposed.
- iii. Fox asked if the event could be held at Saugatuck DPW.
- iv. Verplank requested that an intergovernmental agreement be drafted by the Fire District attorney to address payment, cleanup, etc. and be signed by the 3 communities, if the event is going to be held at the Fire District.
- v. Aldrich believes the Fire Department should support since they are part of all 3 communities, and time is short to get it done.

Motion by Miller, 2nd by Pullen to authorize Fire District staff to support the Tri-Community Recycling Program to help defray the costs associated with the collection and processing of household hazardous waste with a not to exceed amount of \$1,000.00 and request that a letter of agreement be written and signed by the three municipalities with the details of the day, to be drafted by the fire district attorney.

No discussion.

YAYS: Miller, Pullen, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Phelps.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0.

B. I-196 Re-Construction

1. Chief reviewed the construction project.
2. Discussion ensued about potential response options.
3. District staff will research and plan for the duration of construction.

C. UL Video - Home Natural vs. Synthetic Furnishing Comparison – <https://youtu.be/87hAnxuh1g8>

1. Video was reviewed and discussion ensued about modern furnishings.

12. Correspondence:

A. None

13. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes): Use the "raise hand" button in the participants screen in Zoom or enter *9 if you are calling in by phone to raise hand. You will be recognized and unmuted to speak in the order received.:

- A. Demetrhea Terrien – Thanks the Fire Board for their support of the hazardous waste pickup. It is something the immediate area is really interested in being organized.
- B. Barry Johnson – echoes thanks to the Fire Board for supporting and supports Jane's comments for an intergovernmental agreement so no one is left holding the bag. Thank you Greg Janik for being a champion.



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14. Fire Board Comments:

Aldrich – Excited about Household Hazardous Waste event and appreciated help with immunization clinics.

Beckman – Thank you for everyone volunteering for the immunization clinic.

Fox – echoes same thanks as everyone else.

Verplank – After volunteering for 9 hours, it is a lot of work for immunization clinics.

Phelps – None

Pullen – None

Miller – Thanks for Household Hazardous Waste Efforts and Vaccination Clinics.

15. Adjournment:

A. Motion by Fox, 2nd Beckman to adjourn the meeting at 5:12pm. No discussion.

YAYS: Fox, Beckman, Aldrich, Phelps, Verplank, Pullen, Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0

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