



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## Zoom Meeting Info

Meeting ID: **869 8699 0760**

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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.**  
**ABSENT with Notice: A. Miller**  
**Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, D.C. Chris Mantels, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phelps to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Pullen, Phelps, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Miller**  
**Motion passes 6:0.**
6. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Roll Call Vote)**  
**Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pullen to approve the minutes of the 5/17/2021 meeting as presented.**  
**No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Phelps, Pullen, Beckman, Fox, Aldrich, Verplank**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Miller**  
**Motion passes 6:0.**
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to pay the invoices in the amount of \$102,265.75. No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller

Motion passes 6:0.

### 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 – 329 incidents year to date.
2. 6:05 – average response time year to date
3. Road Construction / MVI Increases

Article was discussed and reviewed, including MDOT rumble strips.

### B. Community Risk Reduction

1. State of Michigan experienced 59 fire fatalities in 54 fires year to date for 2021.
2. The Fire District hosted “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” event building bunkbeds for children.
3. Rental Inspections / Business Fire & Life Safety Surveys / Plan Reviews
4. HB4722 & SB 446 – Short Term Rentals

### C. Grants

1. Public Safety Public Health Payroll Reimbursement - additional \$18,935.12 received.

### D. Thank yous

1. Lake Vista Supervalu – Pallet of Bottled water donated.
2. Acrew-Atwo – Canvas Cover for 2191 monitor donated.

- E. Discussion about Blue Star Highway corridor and specifically Old Allegan intersection. The Township is working to have a traffic study conducted.

## 10. Unfinished Business:

### A. Subpoena / Lawsuit Update

1. The Township is working on a settlement to include 8” watermain and special assessment district.

### B. Future Building Expansion

1. Discussion ensued about potential options.
2. Chief Janik reviewed his memo after meeting with the Command Staff.
3. Conduct a survey first to gauge the public.
4. Have some open forum meetings.
5. Potentially expand the mission to include BLS transport.
6. Eventually need to hire professional design/architect services.



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11. New Business:

- A. Chief Janik was awarded the Eagle Award – Allegan County Volunteer of the Year.
  - 1. The board was congratulative and interested in having a proclamation from the board at a future meeting.
- B. Discussion – Return to in-person Fire Board meetings beginning July 2021.
  - 1. Beginning in July 2021 meetings will be back in person at the Fire Station 2<sup>nd</sup> floor training room.
  - 2. Discussion ensued about exploring hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings.
    - The board did not feel that it is worth the time or the expense at this time to explore adding hybrid Zoom functions to in-person meetings. From what we have heard from others, this would be a very significant expense.

12. Correspondence:

- A. Thank you from Sandcastle’s Film Crew

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. None

14. Fire Board Comments:

**Aldrich – Thank you to Chief, Brian, and Mike for helping with Riverside/Dugout Road project.**

**Beckman –**

- 1. May be late to special meeting due to driving.
- 2. Looking forward to something happening for Blue Star Corridor for traffic safety.

**Fox – None**

**Verplank – asked for status update for collective bargaining agreement.**

**Phelps – None**

**Pullen – None**

15. Adjournment:

- A. Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fox to adjourn the meeting at 4:57pm. No discussion.
  - YAYS: Phelps, Fox, Aldrich, Beckman, Verplank, Pullen
  - NAYS: None
  - ABSENT: Miller
  - Motion passes 6:0

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