



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – July 19th, 2021

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, T. Pullen, A. Miller
ABSENT with Notice: None
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*):
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Phelps to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **June 21st, 2021**
Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Beckman to approve the minutes of the 6/21/2021 meeting as presented. No discussion, motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
 - B. **June 24th, 2021 – Special (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Fox, 2nd by Phelps to approve the minutes of the 6/24/2021 special meeting as presented. No discussion, motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes):
 - A. **None**
8. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Beckman, 2nd by Pullen to pay the invoices in the amount of \$114,423.34. No discussion.
YAYS: Beckman, Pullen, Phelps, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 7:0.
 - B. **Financial Report**
 1. **Financial report reviewed by P. Stanislawski.**



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9. Fire Chief Comments:

A. Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls

1. Incident report statistics year to date were reviewed – 430 incidents year to date.
2. 5:54 – average response time year to date

B. Community Risk Reduction

1. State of Michigan experienced 72 fire fatalities in 63 fires year to date for 2021.

C. Grants

1. RAP Grant Payment Received - \$1,012.50 – Plans Examiner & Inspector 2 Classes

D. Certifications

1. Wendy Bales – Firefighter I & II
2. Brad Esquivel – Firefighter I & II

Both Wendy and Brad have successfully completed fire academy after putting forth 295 hours of volunteer time over the past 6 months.

E. Passing of Retired Fire Chief John Blok

1. Family invited the Fire District to participate and help with the service.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Subpoena / Lawsuit Update.

1. Township is working on a settlement agreement.
2. The Fire District and Township are working on an indemnification agreement.

B. MDOT Rumble Strips

1. Model and brand available are not rated for highway speeds.

C. Discussion - Old Allegan Rd / Blue Star Hwy Intersection Report

1. The Old Allegan / BSH report was reviewed.
2. Discussion was ensued.
3. The Township is working on traffic studies with the road commission.
4. The day is coming where a traffic light will be needed in front of the fire station.

11. New Business:

A. Election of Fire Board Officers

1. Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Phelps to re-appoint the following Fire Board Officers:

1. Jane Verplank – Chairperson
2. Eric Beckman – Vice-Chairperson
3. Dan Fox – Secretary
4. Scott Phelps – Vice-Secretary

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0.

12. Correspondence:

A. Coast Guard Notification to Township

1. Letter was reviewed.
2. Discussion ensued about the lack of marine availability to assist, and the Fire District will be on their own to handle the incidents for at least the first hour.



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13. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):

A. None

14. Fire Board Comments:

Aldrich – None

Beckman – Coast Guard concerns.

Fox – Concerns about the Coast Guard leaving Holland as well. Some potential news stories here.

Verplank – None

Phelps – None

Pullen – Discussion of emergency runs information.

Miller - None

15. Adjournment:

Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Miller to adjourn at 4:58pm. No discussion, motion carries by unanimous voice vote.

NOTICE

Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.
Please contact Saugatuck Township Fire District at 269-857-3000 for further information.