



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – October 18th, 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
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 Phelps to approve the agenda as amended adding #9E 2192 under Chief's Comments. No discussion.
YAYS: Pullen, Phelps, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion passes 7:0.
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. September 20th, 2021 (Roll Call Vote)**
Motion by Phelps, 2nd by Beckman to approve the minutes of the 9/20/2021 meeting as presented. No discussion.
YAYS: Phelps, Beckman, Aldrich, Fox, 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 \$102,367.46. No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0.

B. Financial Report

1. No Financial report reviewed as P. Stanislowski was absent.

9. Fire Chief Comments:

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

1. Incident Report Statistics were reviewed – 730 calls year to date.

2. 5:42 – average response time year to date.

B. Community Risk Reduction

1. State of Michigan experienced 86 fire fatalities in 74 fires year to date for 2021.

C. Grants

1. FEMA COVID PPE Grant — \$3,794.29 received.

D. Thank You

1. Applegate R Foam – Trailer insulation donation, possibly send thank you letter or card from the Board?

All agree sending a card would be a good idea.

E. Fireboat 2192

1. It is in the hands of the insurance company, and we are awaiting their determination. We stressed the urgency to get parts ordered to begin repairs or replacement.

10. Unfinished Business:

A. Subpoena / Lawsuit Update.

1. Indemnification Agreement

- a. The Township board is having a special meeting tomorrow to discussed this in closed session with their legal counsel.

B. Old Allegan Rd / Blue Star Hwy Intersection

1. Per the ACRC, a traffic study is in progress, and we are currently awaiting the results.

11. New Business:

A. MFIS President's Award – Chief Janik

1. Board congratulates Chief Janik on earning another prestigious award.
2. We may need to build him a trophy case to fit all of the eagles.



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B. Staffing – Full Time Position (Roll Call Vote)

Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Phelps to approve the Fire District staff to advertise the position for the full-time Firefighter/MFR/Clerk position internally, and externally if needed, conduct subsequent interviews, and offer of employment to a candidate selected by the Fire Chief. The selected candidate will be compensated in accordance with the above wage scale and benefit package per the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 5291.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0.

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. None

14. Fire Board Comments:

Aldrich – None

Beckman – Congrats again to Chief Janik for the President’s award.

Fox – None

Verplank – Congrats to Mike Betts for doing his job and handling 9 overlapping calls at once last Monday along with Kyle’s help.

Phelps – None

Pullen – None

Miller – None

15. Adjournment:

A. Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Aldrich to adjourn the meeting at 4:47pm. No discussion.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passes 7:0.

NOTICE

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