



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## Zoom Meeting Info

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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **APPROVED MINUTES**

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:02pm.**
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*): **(Roll Call Vote)**  
**Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pullen to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Phelps, Pullen, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Miller**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**Motion passes 7:0.**
6. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. **October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Roll Call Vote)**  
**Motion by Pullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to approve the minutes of the 9/20/2021 meeting as presented. No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Pullen, Phelps, Beckman, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fox to pay the invoices in the amount of \$103,447.33. No discussion.  
YAYS: Phelps, Fox, Pullen, Beckman, Aldrich, Verplank, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passes 7:0.
  - B. **Financial Report**
    1. Financial report was reviewed by P. Stanislawski.
9. Fire Chief Comments:
  - A. **Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
    1. Incident Report Statistics were reviewed – 817 calls year to date.
    2. 5:44 – average response time year to date.
  - B. **Community Risk Reduction**
    1. Department of Fire Prevention – Monthly Report
    2. State of Michigan experienced 90 fire fatalities in 79 fires year to date for 2021.
  - C. **Grants**
    1. FEMA AFG Grant – Turnout Gear Extractors and Drying Cabinet have been delivered and installed on 11/11/2021.
  - D. **Thank You**
    1. Fire Protection Water Supply – Township – Thank you.  
Photos and map of Silver Acres Draft Site were reviewed.
10. Unfinished Business:
  - A. **Subpoena / Lawsuit Update.**
    1. **Indemnification Agreement**
      - a. Working on draft agreements with counsel and the Township, hoping to have something ready to vote on by next meeting.
  - B. **Old Allegan Rd / Blue Star Hwy Intersection**
    - a. Waiting on analysis of the traffic safety study.
    - b. Township ordered some radar speed signs they hope will help slow traffic down.
  - C. **Fireboat #2192 Update**
    - a. Memo was reviewed. Boat is ordered by MMRMA with an anticipated delivery date of 5/1/2021.
11. New Business:
  - A. **Accident Fund – Workers Compensation Insurance Dividend - \$4,525.00**
    - a. Chief is happy to announce receiving a dividend from the insurance company.
  - B. **Funding Approval Request – Collaborative Purchase – 1/3 of Matrice Drone - \$9,000.00**

Motion by Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pullen to authorize Fire District staff to purchase the DJI Matrice Drone and ancillary equipment specified above for the collaborative drone project with a Not To Exceed amount of \$9,000.00.  
YAYS: Fox, Pullen, Beckman, Aldrich, Pullen, Verplank, Miller  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion passes 7:0.



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**C. Staffing Shortages Article – Detroit Free Press**

- a. Article was reviewed and discussed.
- b. Discussion ensued regarding challenges currently faced locally for staffing as well.

12. Correspondence:

**A. Thank you – Saugatuck Public Schools – Homecoming Parade**

- 1. Thank you was reviewed.

**B. Congratulations - Sen. Aric Nesbitt - MFIS President’s Award**

- 1. Congratulations letter to Chief Janik was reviewed.

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 – None**

**Fox – None**

**Verplank – None**

**Phelps – None**

**Pullen – Inquired about the current status of the proposed short term rental legislation. Discussion ensued.**

**Miller – None**

15. Adjournment:

**A. Motion by Pullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phelps to adjourn the meeting at 4:54pm. No discussion.**

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSENT: None**

**Motion passes 7:0.**

**NOTICE**

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