



SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – February 21st, 2022

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:
4.
PRESENT: S. Aldrich, D. Fox, J. Verplank, T. Pullen, A. Miller
ABSENT with Notice: E. Beckman, S. Phelps
Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, D.C. Chris Mantels, P. Stanislawski
5. Reminder: It is requested the board silences cell phones and put them away for the duration of the meeting.
6. Approval of Agenda (*additions / deletions*):
Motion by Fox, 2nd by Pullen to approve the agenda with changes to 10B adding Brenda Marcy as speaker, and 12A Thank you. No discussion. Motion carries by voice vote.
7. Approval of Minutes:
 - A. **January 17th, 2022**
Motion by Aldrich, 2nd by Fox to approve the minutes of the 1/17/2022 regular meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by voice vote.
 - B. **January 17th, 2022 – Closed Session**
Motion by Aldrich, 2nd by Miller to approve the minutes of the 1/17/2022 Closed Session meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by voice vote.
 - C. **January 31st, 2022 – Special Meeting**
Motion by Aldrich, 2nd by Pullen to approve the minutes of the 1/31/2022 special meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by voice vote.
8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes):
 - A. **None**
9. Request for Payment:
 - A. **Account Payables (*Roll Call Vote*)**
Motion by Fox, 2nd by Pullen to pay the invoices in the amount of \$180,268.02. No discussion.
YAYS: Fox, Pullen, Aldrich, Verplank, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Beckman, Phelps
Motion passes 5:0.
 - B. **Financial Report**
 1. **Financial report reviewed by P. Stanislawski.**
10. Fire Chief Comments:
 - A. **Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
 1. **Incident report statistics year to date were reviewed –69 incidents year to date.**
 2. **7:43 – average response time year to date**
 - B. **Fire District Legal Counsel Invoice Breakdown**



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1. Legal invoice breakdown was reviewed.
- C. Community Risk Reduction
 1. Department of Fire Prevention – Monthly Report
 2. Michigan Fire Inspectors Society - Fatal Fire Statistics
11. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Special Events / Parade Safety – Committee Report
 1. Fox reviewed the parade committee report.
 2. The document can serve as a white paper to provide the three cities.
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Miller to approve the Public Safety Measures for Parade report as amended with suggested parade routes for distribution to the three municipalities as a process for their consideration. No discussion. Motion carries by voice vote.
 - B. Blue Star Hwy. / Old Allegan
 1. Brenda Marcy – Township Trustee – ACRC Liaison
 - i. Discussed recent study of the intersection.
 - ii. Exploring stop sign lights and cross traffic does not stop signs for the short term.
 - iii. The ACRC board thinks this is a spot for a round-a-bout and not a stoplight.
12. New Business:
 - A. Funding Approval Request – Building Plan Study - C2AE (Roll Call Vote)
Motion by Pullen, 2nd by Aldrich to approve the agreement for the building plan study with C2AE in the amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. No discussion.
YAYS: Pullen, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Beckman, Phelps
Motion passes 5:0.
 - B. STFD Discussion
 - i. Fire no longer represents what we do, as it is only a small part.
 - ii. Estimated cost would be approximately \$2,000 to legally change the name, and then slowly change uniforms and trucks as they are phased out.
 - iii. Sort of a rebranding so to speak.
 - iv. Board is interested in changing the name, however is good with removing the options for public safety.
13. Correspondence:
 - A. Thank you – Becky Israel
14. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):
Brenda Marcy – Vote is for #9 as she likes the acronym SAFER. Also is glad to see the parade safety on the agenda for continued discussion. The Visitor Bureau is to make us a high-profile community and it could be a place to have an accident happen.
15. Fire Board Comments:
 - A. Aldrich – None
 - B. Fox – None
 - C. Verplank – None
 - D. Pullen – None
 - E. Miller - None
16. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:09pm

NOTICE

Request for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting.



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