



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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:  
**PRESENT: E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, T. Pullen**  
**ABSENT with Notice: S. Aldrich, A. Miller**  
**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*):  
**Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fox to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion carries by voice vote.**
6. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Motion by Beckman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phelps to approve the minutes of the 3/16/2022 regular meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by voice vote.**
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes):
  - A. **None**
8. **Special Guest Speaker**
  - A. **Sherry Tedaldi – Affordable Housing Committee**
    - i. **Approached Chief Janik about affordable housing for our first responders.**
    - ii. **Potential down payment assistance or a buydown for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders for 10 years.**
    - iii. **Every time a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder makes a payment, the fund, a percentage would come from the fund.**
    - iv. **Possibly lower the tax rates for 1<sup>st</sup> responders that live in the community.**
    - v. **Is happy that there are ongoing discussions regarding the topic but would like to get started somewhere and even begin with one 1<sup>st</sup> responder a year.**
    - vi. **One of the District's highest responders was just forced to buy on the north side of Holland since they couldn't afford to buy here.**
    - vii. **Possibly look at duplexes to put two families in it.**
    - viii. **Potential looking at grants and millage for funding.**
    - ix. **Either need more paid on calls to live here or need more full-time staff.**
9. 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 \$363,790.14. No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Phelps, Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Pullen.**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Aldrich, Miller**  
**Motion passes 5:0.**



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- B. Financial Report**
  - i. Financial report was not reviewed in P. Stanislawski's absence.
- 10. Fire Chief Comments:
  - A. Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
    - 1. Incident report statistics year to date were reviewed – 204 incidents year to date.
    - 2. 5:47 – average response time year to date
    - 3. Continued increase in overlapping calls.
    - 4. Highest type of call are falls. Potentially bring in outside agencies to help.
  - B. Community Risk Reduction**
    - 1. Department of Fire Prevention – Monthly Report
    - 2. Michigan Fire Inspectors Society - Fatal Fire Statistics
- 11. Unfinished Business:
  - A. #2111 – 2022 Spencer/Spartan – Price Change Request from Spencer/Spartan in the amount of \$5,800.00 above contract pricing.**  
Motion by Pullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phelps to approve paying an additional \$2,000.00 to Spartan Motors as a good faith gesture towards the \$5,804.00 chassis Surcharge and to have payment submitted directly to Spartan and not to Spencer Fire Trucks. No discussion.  
YEAS: Pullen, Phelps, Beckman, Fox, Verplank.  
NEAS: None  
Absent with Notice: Aldrich, Miller
- 12. New Business:
  - A. None**
- 13. Correspondence:
  - A. None**
- 14. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):
  - A. None**
- 15. Fire Board Comments:
  - Pullen – None**
  - Phelps – None**
  - Beckman – Believes that Sherri Tedaldi is doing the right thing by trying. Requested that we no longer deliver paper packets as digital is fine. Few members would like printed on the table for the meeting.**
  - Fox – Commends Douglas City for using vehicles to block parade route for the Easter Parade including DPW and Police vehicles. Seeks the Boards authorization to write a letter to the editor commending Douglas for a job well done on behalf of the Fire Board. Everyone agrees it is a good idea to recognize the accomplishment.**
  - Verplank – None**
- 16. Adjournment: **Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.**

## 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.