



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

### APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order: **Meeting called to order by J. Verplank at 4:07pm**
2. Pledge of Allegiance (*Stand if you are able*):
3. Roll Call:  
**PRESENT: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, T. Pullen**  
**ABSENT: S. Phelps**  
**Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, D.C. 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 Pullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.**
6. Approval of Minutes:
  - A. **October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Motion by Fox, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to approve the minutes of the 10/17/2022 meeting as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.**
7. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes):
  - A. **None**
8. **Special Guests – Dave and Joe Bekken**
  - A. **Check Presentation – Gerald and Jeannette Bekken Foundation**  
**Chief Janik read the media release that will be disseminated to the local media.**
9. Request for Payment:
  - A. **Account Payables (*Roll Call Vote*)**  
**Motion by Beckman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aldrich to pay the invoices in the amount of \$149,958.37. No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Beckman, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, Pullen**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: Phelps**  
**Motion passes 5:0.**
  - B. **Financial Report**
    - i. **Will be reviewed at next meeting.**
10. Fire Chief Comments:
  - A. **Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
    1. **836 calls year to date for 2022.**
    2. **Average response time 6:42 – delay due to I-196 construction and prolonged responses.**
    3. **Pre-Alert Pilot Program has reduced processing times by 55.4% at dispatch.**



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## B. Community Risk Reduction

1. Department of Fire Prevention – Monthly Report
  - i. Report was reviewed and Short-Term Rentals were discussed.
2. Michigan Fire Inspectors Society - Fatal Fire Statistics
3. Fire Prevention Month – 352 students through Fire Safety House
4. Bi-Monthly Fire Prevention Lessons at Douglas Elementary have resumed.
  - i. Lesson plans were reviewed and discussed.

C. Allegan County Safe School Network Seminar attended by Chief Janik and ACOT Betts

D. Michigan Statewide Communication Interoperability Plan attended by Chief Janik

E. Save the Date – Appreciation/Awards Dinner January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

F. Toys for Tots – STFD is a collection point thanks to FF/MFR Phil Dalton

## 11. Unfinished Business:

A. None

## 12. New Business:

A. 2192 – Anderson Boat – Transferred to MMRMA Insurance / Wolf Marine for Salvage Sale

B. 2194 – Lake Assault – In Service

C. Resignation – Aaron Miller – Thank you for 5 years of service to the Fire Board.

1. Aaron will certainly be missed on the Fire Code Board of Appeals and the Fire Board.

D. Resolution 2022-04 – Support of the Pre-Alert Policy to the 911 Policy and Procedure Board  
Motion by Pullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aldrich to endorse and approve Resolution 2022-04 as presented and send to the Allegan County 911 Policy and Procedural Board. No discussion.

YAYS: Pullen, Aldrich, Beckman, Fox, Verplank

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Phelps

Motion passes 5:0.

## 13. Correspondence:

A. Thank you's – Halloween Parade

B. Thank you – Saugatuck Township Election

## 14. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):

A. None

## 15. Fire Board Comments:

Aldrich – None

Beckman – Going to miss Aaron Miller as he did a great job!

Fox – 2<sup>nd</sup> that Aaron will be missed.

Verplank – None

Pullen – Thinks the fire safety at the school is excellent!

## 16. Adjournment:

Motion by Beckman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pullen to adjourn at 4:49pm.

### NOTICE

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