



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## FIRE DISTRICT "SPECIAL" BOARD MEETING

3:00pm – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### 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: S. Aldrich, E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, T. Pullen, C. North**  
**ABSENT: S. Phelps (on phone)**  
**Also Present: Chief Greg Janik, D.C. 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*):  
**Motion by Aldrich 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.**
6. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only (Limit 3 minutes):  
**A. None**
7. Unfinished Business:  
**A. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Requested Budget (*Roll Call Vote*)**
  1. The Fire District staff request is to add on three more personnel on 24/hr shifts to ensure two full time staff on duty 24/7/365.
  2. Declining pool of candidates for paid on call. Competing with family time, personnel have 2<sup>nd</sup> jobs, and generally busier lives of our personnel.
  3. Discussion ensued about the continued increased costs for equipment.
  4. In order to ensure coverage, we will need to raise the milage 0.3 mils to accommodate.
  5. Let the 3 municipalities know what our plan is and what we need.
  6. Then host a special meeting with the councils at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Fire Board meeting.
  7. Regular Fire Board Meeting will be at 4:00pm.
  8. Combined Special meeting with joint councils will be at 5:00pm.

**Motion by Pullen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beckman to authorize the Fire District Administrative Board to recommend increasing the millage .3 (three tenths of a mill), to fund minimum firefighter and EMS staffing levels 24 hours per day, for a total millage of 2.5 mils, from 2.2 mils, and send the FY 2023-24 Requested Budget using the 2.5 mils column as presented to Saugatuck City, Douglas City, and Saugatuck Township for their respective reviews.**  
**YEAS: Pullen, Beckman, Aldrich, Fox, Verplank, North**  
**NEAS: None**  
**ABSENT: Phelps**  
**Motion Passes 6:0**
8. New Business:  
**A. None**



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9. Correspondence:

**A. None**

10. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):

**A. None**

11. Fire Board Comments:

- A. Aldrich – None**
- B. Beckman – None**
- C. Fox – None**
- D. Verplank – None**
- E. Pullen – None**
- F. North – None**

12. Adjournment:

**A. Meeting adjourned at 4:33pm**

## NOTICE

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