



# SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

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## FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

4:00pm – August 21<sup>st</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: E. Beckman, D. Fox, J. Verplank, S. Phelps, T. Pullen, C. North**  
**ABSENT: S. Aldrich**  
**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 Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beckman to approve the agenda presented. No discussion. Motion passes by unanimous by voice vote.**
6. Approval of Minutes:  
**A. July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Motion by Phelps, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pullen to approve the minutes of the 7/17/2023 regular 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. 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 \$200,382.14. No discussion.**  
**YAYS: Phelps, Fox, Beckman, Verplank, Pullen, North**  
**NAYS: None**  
**ABSENT: None**  
**Motion passes: 6:0.**  
**B. Financial Report**
  - i. Financial Report was reviewed by P. Stanislawski
9. Fire Chief Comments:  
**A. Incident Reports / EMS Report / Calls to Date / Overlapping Calls**
  1. 561– runs year to date for 2023
  2. Average response time – 6:05 year to date for 2023**B. Community Risk Reduction**
  1. Department of Fire Prevention – Monthly Report
  2. Michigan Fire Inspectors Society - Fatal Fire Statistics**C. Grants**
  1. None**D. Certifications**
  1. Riley Capel – Certified Fire Instructor 1
10. Unfinished Business:  
**A. Sale of Fireboat #2192 – to be reimbursed \$4,400 for aluminum trailer.**
  1. Update on the sale of the former boat that sunk was provided.
  2. It has been sold by the broker, and we are waiting for the repair invoice to deduct that and the trailer prior to sending funds back to MMRMA.



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**B. Cost Recovery Update**

1. Chief Janik hopes to work on it this week and try to get paid.

11. New Business:

**A. MMRMA State Pool Distribution Received - \$2,238.00**

**B. Gerald and Jeanette Bekken Foundation Donation via the Holland-Zeeland Community Foundation received in the amount of \$7,797.23.**

1. Funding will be utilized to purchase additional tools and equipment for Engine 2110 completion project.

**C. Funding Approval Request – Hose Purchase**

Motion by Beckman 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Fox to authorize/deny the Fire Chief to purchase replacement fire hose compliant with NFPA 1500 & 1962, as specified, and a not-to-exceed the amount of \$30,000.00 (with a 15% contingency)

YAYS: Beckman, Fox, Verplank, Phelps, Pullen, North.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aldrich

Motion passes: 6:0.

**D. Discussion – Capital Expenditures to replace 2172 & 2173**

1. Discussion ensued about the 2015 Ford Expedition and 2017 Ford Expedition being past their 7-year replacement dates.
2. Consider not replacing the Expeditions with an Expedition, but rather a transport capable apparatus.
3. No decision needed today, but just starting to think about the future.
4. Discussion ensued regarding BLS transport.
5. Discussion ensued about a future meeting with representatives of the local governments.

12. Correspondence:

**A. Thank you – Community Church of Douglas**

**B. Thank you & Donation – Gower**

13. Public Comments: (Limit 3 minutes):

**A. None**

14. Fire Board Comments:

**Beckman** – Township did a good job trimming back trees. Appreciates the quickness Daniel handled it in.

**Fox** – Working with the Chief about cars parked on Blue Star Highway in front of multiple businesses and are hoping to prevent a future accident.

**Verplank** – None

**Phelps** – None

**Pullen** – None

**North** – Thank you from the Rotary for Chief Janik and the Fire Department for all their help with Venetian, they are truly amazing!

15. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

**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.