

**SAUBLE-ELK-EDEN SPECIAL FIRE BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)**

**TOPIC: PURCHASE OF RESCUE VEHICLE**

**DATE/TIME: May 5, 2025, 6:00 pm**

**LOCATION: Sauble-Elk-Eden Fire Department (8711 8 Mile RD, Irons, MI 49644)**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM, by Chairperson Gary Nugent**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Jack Hankiewicz, Lou Fitz, Jerry Kraai, Christine Oetman, Jeff Mather, Joyce Durdel, Bob Woolever, Cody Oetman (voting for Gary Oetman), Gary Nugent, Mary Ann Nugent, Joel Boyer, Tom Snow, Sharon Puff

Absent (excused): Josh Hasbrouck, Jack Puff, Crystal Van Sickle, Gary Oetman

**AGENDA REVISIONS:**

1. None

**PURPOSE AND PRESENTATION: Chief Joel Boyer**

1. The current vehicle (suburban) is 12+ years old and not well suited for the current/future needs of the department. Kevin, Josh, and OJ participated in selection of new vehicle recommendation. Vehicle needs to be able to access rough terrain, two-tracks, move snow, haul a future ORV on a trailer, and is intended to be used for medical, utility, and wildfire applications. It is anticipated that this vehicle will be the primary medical vehicle. The vehicle should have a capacity for 4-6 personnel. Examples and rationale for the specific type of vehicle were provided.
2. Ford will no longer be taking orders for Super Duty Fleet purchases after an upcoming date (before the next Regular Board meeting). Chief Boyer placed the order but can cancel without cost or penalty pending the Board decision today. Specifications for the truck were provided and discussed.
3. The firefighters selected the specific gasoline powered Ford F350 package crew-cab (6.8L engine) presented because of the pulling power and good reliability reputation of the vehicle. The vehicle has heavy-duty front and rear bumpers with capacity for installing a winch and will come with a snowplow package and heavy-duty wheels (single rear wheels). The vehicle will have back, and side pull out compartments for supplies/tools. 1 to 3-month delivery.
4. The vehicle will be supplied by Allied Fire. Assistant Chief Braddy indicated that she is familiar with other departments who purchase equipment from them. The indication is that they have a good reputation for reliability.
5. No indication on insurance costs at this time. No unusual maintenance costs are expected or anticipated.
6. Discussion on grants, availability, and grant writing services.
7. The vehicle package does not come with heating (to keep O2 warm in winter months). This option was not easily available at this time. This can be added at a later date.
8. Discussion on whether other similar size fire departments have this type of vehicle. Several in our area (county) have similar vehicles.
9. Discussion on single source purchase based on the only company (Allied Fire) that responded to the three bids requests that were sent out.

10. Down payment of \$35,000 will be due within 10 days of invoicing immediately after signing the purchase agreement.
11. Discussion on why this vehicle is needed now, and how we were able to function effectively without it in the past.
12. Motion made by Mary Ann Nugent to approve the purchase of the F350 rescue vehicle supplied by Allied Fire as per the presented proposal for \$147,335.00. The motion was supported by Lou Fitz. The motion was carried by roll call vote: 9-Yes, 0-No: Jack Hankiewicz - Yes, Lou Fitz - Yes, Jerry Kraai - Yes, Christine Oetman - Yes, Cody Oetman - Yes, Sharon Puff - Yes, Bob Woolever - Yes, Gary Nugent - Yes, Mary Ann Nugent - Yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

1. Motion by Jerry Kraai, supported by Jack Hankiewicz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by majority voice vote, 9-Yes, 0-No. The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Mather", written in a cursive style.

Jeff Mather, S.E.E. Fire Board Clerk,  
May 16, 2025