

**SAUGATUCK TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2006**

A workshop meeting of the Saugatuck Township Board was held on January 4, 2006 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Gudith, at 6:00 p.m.

Present from the Township Board: Henry Gudith, Jane Wright, Pat Knikelbine, and Damien Jarzembowski. Chris Roerig arrived at 6:01.

Present from the Planning Commission: Jim Hansen and Steve Darpel. Joe Milaukas arrived at 6:05.

Also present: Manager Phil Quade, Fire Chief John Blok, Fire Inspector Greg Janik, as well as other members and reporters in the audience.

Quade opened, stating the reason for the workshop meeting was to review the 2000 fire code and its relationship to a development on Indian Point Road owned by Robert Muusse. Blok stated he wants the PC and Board to be aware of the fire code in relation to dead end roads back to developments and asked to consider drives with 2 accesses instead of a dead end within the development. Joel Bowens, Attorney for Robert Muusse then asked why this project and why now is the code being applied. He cited each appendix of the code needs to be adopted separately and questioned if the code was adopted correctly and legally. He spoke until 6:15 stating the developer should not have to comply with this section of the code as the development is less than 30 units. Jarzembowski spoke stating the intention of the township is to protect the safety and welfare of the residents. Quade noted the development does meet the requirements of appendix D of the code. Blok stated the department never said it did not meet D. Hansen said the PC believed D applied to a region and not just a development. Janik said the code does not address the medical needs, which is 80% of the department's calls. Engineer for Muusse noted the Ravines development does not meet that situation. Bowens asked if the department was now not applying D to the development. Darpel asked if D is applicable to a geographic area or not. Chief verified appendix D is applied to a development only, but safety concerns exist for the Indian Point area. General discussion regarding the Indian Point area took place.

Gudith closed the workshop meeting at 6:57.

Jane Wright, CMC
Township Clerk