

Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

MARCH 16, 2017
Sparta Fire Station

Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Members present: Dale Bergman (twp- chair), Gale Taylor (village), Bill Goodfellow (twp), Chad Momber (twp) and Jason Bradford (twp).

Also present: Chief Bolen & Deputy Chief Olney

Dale Bergman called the meeting to order @ 7:05 PM

Absent: Kristi Dougan (village) & Betty Van Patten (village).

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Made by **Bradford** to approve agenda with additional items. Station Doors and Fire Trucks

Seconded: **Goodfellow**

Motion Passed: 5-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: The board discussed changes for the minutes dated February 16, 2017. Revise the minutes under "comments" to add the following: Bergman to reviewed and clarify the what the millage #1 and #2 tax revenues can be used for and report at the March meeting.

Motion: Made by **Bradford** to approve the minutes with the above changes:

Seconded: **Taylor**

Motion Passed: 5-0

Approval of Bills:

The operational expenditures are currently at 90.6% of the total budget through 11 months of the year. Current operational expenditures are projected to be on budget at this point.

Motion: Made by **Goodfellow** to approve bills through March 13, 2017.

Seconded: **Momber**

Motion Passed: 4-1 (Taylor dissenting)

Chief's Report: There were 95 total calls for the last month of which 74 were medical. There were (2) PI accidents with one fatality, (2) structure fires and 1 fire structure assist with Tyrone Township. The Fire Department also arranged for the Boys Scouts to visit the station and fire trucks.

Millage Clarification.

Bergman presented to the board the following: Millage #1 was approved by the voters in 2004 for 4 years. It was again renewed in 2008 and again in 2014 for 6 years each. Millage #1 is due to expire the end of 2020 if not renewed again by the voters. As written, millage #1 would include the purchase of vehicles. Millage #2 was approved by the voters in 2008 for 6 years. It was again renewed in 2014 for 6 years each. Millage #2 is due to expire the end of 2020 if not renewed again by the voters. As written, millage #2 would include the purchase of vehicles. As also noted by public comment, Bob Whalen stated that it the original intent of Millage #1 was to be used for

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the future purchase of fire department vehicles. The consensus of the board was that Millage #1 funds could be used for the purchase of fire departmental vehicles.

Review of invoice feedback. Bergman covered the board on the current process of having Goodfellow, Van Patten, Chief Bolen and Bergman reviewed and signoff on all invoices. As stated by Bergman it has been working very well. Pam and Sharon have been able to provide the invoices and checks and answer any questions in a timely manner and even pay some invoices in advance in lieu waiting for the invoice and potential late payments.

Station Doors: The Chief presented (2) quotes for the station door replacement. The quotes were for just a door for the north entrance and door and frame for the south entrance. Both doors are rusted and don't shut properly and locks don't work properly.

Motion: Made by **Taylor** to accept the SA Morman bid of \$5835.00 to replace both door including painting. Plus (1) Schlage CO100 lock and emergency lock on north door not to exceed a total of \$7000.00 for doors, locks, installation and painting. Millage #2.

Seconded: **Bradford**

Motion Passed: 5-0

Fire Trucks:

The Chief made a presentation to the board for the current and future needs/requirements for a "Platform" truck. He showed the board pictures of current buildings where a platform truck would be required to access the roof or for firefighting. 2 & 3 story apartment buildings, retirement and senior living complexes, Spartan Graphics, Heart Industries, Spartan Distributors, Family Farm and Lawn, multiple churches, Sparta Schools, Downtown Sparta businesses, Federal Mogul, Old Orchard, Elite Apple, local dairy and fruit farms, Flatrock, ProCoating, Packsack, Tesa, Cascade Die, CPS Chemical company, the airport and new planned developments like Natural Choice Foods. All of these locations would benefit by having a "Platform" fire department vehicle.

Taylor asked if the township and village has an ordinance for sprinkler systems on new buildings. As Bergman stated, yes there is one and even remodel buildings over 50% must have sprinkling. The Chief requested the board to consider the purchase of the "Platform" vehicle from B&B. The Chief stated this was once in a life time opportunity for the department as well as the township and village and asked the board to review all the options.

This Platform vehicle has become available through B&B at a cost \$525,000.00 This was over a \$1M vehicle when originally purchased. B&B purchased the vehicle from an insurance company as the previous Platform owner parked the vehicle in water over 18" deep and the engine was sucked full of water which destroyed just the engine. B & B has rebuilt the engine and has done a complete maintenance review of the entire vehicle. The vehicle is a 2014 Spartan/Crimson with 16,000 miles, 100' platform with a 500hp Cummins mid mount engine with an Allison transmission. It comes with a warranty very close to a new warranty. The price also includes \$10,000 in additional equipment allowance and includes trading in Engine #4 and the old Platform which are both 27 & 28 years old. The existing platform has been out of service for months at a time. The Chief stated if the board was to approve the purchase the "Platform" he would down size the proposed 5 passenger engine/pumper vehicle in conjunction with the county funds which the board had approved at the January meeting. He will work with the county to get a more moderately priced "Quick Attack Pumper" just utilizing the county funds. The Board asked: How would the "Platform" vehicle be paid for? The Chief stated it would utilize the \$325,000 that the

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board had allocated for the new engine/pumper and get a low interest loan for the remaining \$200,000 paid for over the next 4-5 years with the first payment due in 3-4 quarter of 2018.

The board asked the Chief several questions. Taylor asked if this Platform was a Cold weather vehicle. It was, the vehicle came from North Carolina but was built in Charlotte MI. per Kevin Malianowski from B&B. Taylor asked: Can the County funds be allocated to the purchase of the "Platform. The Chief has consulted with the county and currently the county fire vehicle funds can only be used for new non-titled vehicles. Taylor asked if the Department funds proposed for the purchase of a new pumper would be then used for the purchase of the Platform. The Chief's answer was yes. The "Platform" will not be ready for delivery for 3-4 months. This will give the Chief time to get quotes for financing the remaining balance of \$200,000. Goodfellow asked: What additional equipment would be needed for the new "Platform". The Chief stated that all the existing equipment, fire hose etc. will be removed from the existing old Platform and placed on the new "Platform" plus there is a \$10,000 allowance from B&B for additional miscellaneous equipment that might be needed. The Chief stated there should be no additional costs for additional equipment etc. for the new platform.

Taylor asked the Chief what would be the replacement for the board approved 5-6 passenger engine/pumper that the county was contributing to. The Chief stated that this vehicle would be downsized. There wouldn't be a requirement for the 5-6 passenger vehicle, engine/pumper and would not be required to be a large tanker/pumper. The Chief also stated that he's already contacted the county and that the Sparta Fire Department can still change their design. The Board asked the Chief what vehicle would be purchased: The Chief stated a "Quick Attach Pumper" vehicle. He was asked will just the county funds of \$196,000 cover the costs for a Quick Attach Pumper and he told the board yes. Kevin from B&B stated that Grand Rapids Township was currently having a new Quick Attach Pumper being built not exceed \$200,000 for the vehicle and all the equipment. Kevin (B&B) also stated the City Grand Rapids have purchased several Quick Attach Pumpers in the past which were in \$175,000 range. The Quick Attach Pumper is the latest type of fire vehicle that is now being deployed by numerous fire departments.

In summary, the Chief stated that the purchase of the proposed Platform would not impact the departmental funds any more than the proposed board approved engine/pumper. The current loan payment that has one payment remaining and the payment structure would basically be extended for 4-5 additional years. The department would still utilize the county funds and get a "Quick Attach Pumper" with no additional out of pocket costs for the Department. The department would now be replacing (2) fire vehicles which are close to 30 years old in lieu of waiting years for another opportunity to replace the platform vehicle.

Bergman asked the board to consider delaying the vote/decision until a full board was in attendance. He'd suggested meeting Tuesday March 21st but was told that the Village members have another meeting scheduled, other dates were also discussed.

Taylor asked Bergman to have the motion brought to a vote on the purchase of the vehicle at tonight meeting. The County has to make changes to the board approved vehicle and this will allow B&B to reserve the platform for the Sparta Department. Bergman asked for a Motion.

Motion: Made by **Bradford** to purchase used Platform from B&B not to exceed \$525,000 per Option A quote from B&B. (attached) Funding: \$325,000 from Millage #1, Millage #2 and SFD Cash Checking accounts and the balance \$200,00 to be financed.

Seconded: **Momber**

Motion Passed: 4-1 (Taylor dissenting)

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Motion: Made by **Bradford** to have the county funded vehicle changed to a new Quick Attach Pumper not to exceed \$200,000 The majority Funded by the Kent County Fire Board Funds.

Seconded: **Momber**

Motion Passed: 5-0

Public Comment: Shawn Morton thanked the board for being fiscal responsible in the purchase and stated that the village and township will be safer because of the Board's decision.

Next Regular Meeting Date

April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Sparta Fire Station

Motion: Made by Goodfellow to adjourned at 9:12 PM

Seconded: **Bradford**

Motion Passed: 5-0

Minutes by Goodfellow. March 18, 2017

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Fire Division

960 West River Center Drive
Comstock Park, MI 49321
(616) 551-0842
(616) 551-0732

Quote

Invoice #: 00141860

Bill To:

Sparta Fire Department
36 Elmwood
Sparta, MI 49345

Ship To:

Sparta Fire Department
36 Elmwood
Sparta, MI 49345

FACILITY REGISTRATION		UNIT NO.	SHIP VIA	COL	PPD	SHIP DATE	TERMS	DATE	PG.
F165380		Spartan Platform					Net 30	3/1/17	1
QTY.	ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION				PRICE	DISC %	EXTENDED	TX.
1	TR-078140	Spartan/Crimson Mid-Mount 100ft. Platform VIN4S7Ax2E90DC078140 w/Waterous S100 Fire Pump, 300 gallons of water, Cummins ISX12 500HP Engine, Allison 4000 Series Automatic Transmission				\$625,000.00	8%	\$575,000.00	
-1	TS-TRADE	Trade-In of a 1990 Spartan/LTI Rear Mount 100ft. Platform 2000GPM/250				\$25,000.00		(\$25,000.00)	
-1	TS-TRADE	Trade-In of a 1989 Ford/E-One 1250GPM/1000 Pumper				\$15,000.00		(\$15,000.00)	
-1	TR-ALLOWANCE	Equipment Allowance				\$10,000.00		(\$10,000.00)	
1	CUM-WARR	1YR B&B FIRE CUMMINS Engine Warranty							
1	WAT-WARR	1YR WATEROUS Pump Warranty							
1	BB-WARR	3yr. B&B FIRE Plumbing Warranty							
1	SP-WARR	6 MO Bumper to Bumper Warranty							
Work Performed By: Cert. # M269408 Kevin Milanowski									
I hereby authorize the above repair work to be done along with the necessary material and hereby grant you and/or your employees permission to operate the car or truck herein described on streets, highways or elsewhere for the purpose of testing and/or inspection. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on above car or truck to secure the amount of						Sale Amt.:			
						Freight:	\$0.00		
						Sales Tax:	\$0.00		
						Total Amt.:	\$525,000.00		
ALL REPAIRS AND PARTS LISTED WERE FURNISHED IN COMPLIANCE WITH MICHIGAN REPAIR ACT (PA 300)						Paid Today:	\$0.00		
Please Remit Payment to: Mason Dynamics, Inc. P.O. Box 49 Comstock Park, MI 49321						Balance Due:	\$525,000.00		