

Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

August 17, 2017
Sparta Fire Station

Present: Bergman (twp-chair), Bradford (twp), Momber (twp), Taylor (village), Van Patten (village), Dougan (village) and Goodfellow (twp).

Also, present: Chief Bolen

Absent: Deputy Chief Olney

Dale Bergman called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Made by **Van Patten** to approve the agenda.

Seconded: **Bradford**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes:

Dougan questioned the commission fee approved at the last board meeting. As it was noted in the Chief's contract he is to be compensated up to 10% commission on grants received by the Fire Department. Dougan questioned that being the grant was received between 4 departments why wouldn't the chief just receive ¼ of his contracted commission. The Board stated that the Chief was receiving commission on the amount the Sparta Fire Department was receiving and not on the entire \$526,960.26 grant amount received. Taylor stated that he made the motion to pay the Chief 10% commission on the grant funds the Sparta Fire Department received based on the Chief's contract. Dougan asked where the commission payment funds will be paid from. It was the consensus of the board it will be paid from the operational budget. Algoma Township has invoiced Sparta Fire Department the spare of the 10% FEMA payment that is required. The invoice was paid on 8-17-17 check run.

Motion: Made by **Bradford** to approve June 15, 2017 minutes.

Seconded: **Van Patten**

Motion Passed: 6-1 (**Dougan** dissenting)

Approval of Bills:

Dougan questioned why a new flag was needed. The Chief explained that the old flag could not be cleaned anymore to remove all the stain etc. Dougan asked if the old flag will be destroyed properly. The Chief stated that the Boy Scouts have an annual flag disposal ceremonial where the old flag will be destroyed. Dougan questioned the allowance of \$10,000 for the new ladder truck and what it will be used for. The representative from B&B stated that the final invoice will have line items which state what the allowance was used for.

Motion: Made by **Van Patten** to approve bills through August 15, 2017

Seconded: **Momber**

Motion Passed: 6-1 (**Taylor** dissenting)

Chief's Report: There were 70 calls in June, 107 calls in July and 42 so far in August of which 173 were Med calls and 7 fire calls with 758 calls YTD. There was 1 unattended fire call, 2 vehicle fires, food fire at the retirement home and a hover board exploded. There was a home medical call that became a police event and 1 serious motor vehicle accidents where there was a fatality.

The Chief reported on the new fire fighters he has in training. There were 5 fire fighters who have just successfully completed the medical portion of their training.

The Chief stated the Fire Department provided support and medical assistance for the Town & Country Days, Celtic Days and the 5K run. There will be the Gus Macker tournament and block party where the department will also be providing support this month.

The Chief stated the new ladder truck is in the final stages of completion and should be delivered around the first of October.

The SCBA grant: All the equipment is scheduled to be at the Sparta Fire Department September 6, 2017.

The Fire Department has already paid the 10% funding requirement to FEMA on August 17, 2017.

The Chief stated that the old equipment could be sold as there is still some value in used equipment.

The tanks have been certified and old breathing devices are still in working condition.

Public Comment: none

Next Regular Meeting Date

September 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Sparta Fire Station

Motion: Made by **Taylor** to adjourn at 7:44 pm

Seconded: **Van Patten**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Minutes by **Goodfellow**, August 21, 2017