

# Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

September 21, 2017  
Sparta Fire Station

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

Also, present: Chief Bolen, Deputy Chief Olney

Absent: Dougan (village)

Dale Bergman called the meeting to order @ 7:03 pm

## **Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Made by **Van Patten** to approve the agenda with the addition of 2018-2019 proposed budget review.

**Seconded: Bradford**

**Motion Passed:** 6 -0

**Public Comment:** None

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion:** Made by **Momber** to approve August 17, 2017 minutes.

**Seconded: Van Patten**

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

## **Approval of Bills:**

**Motion:** Made by **Van Patten** to approve bills through September 19, 2017

**Seconded: Goodfellow**

**Motion Passed:** 5-1 (**Taylor** dissenting)

## **Maintenance agreement for LUCAS machine:**

Olney gave the fire board a demonstration of the how the LUCAS machine works. It's been used between 8-10 times this year. The LUCAS machine is now becoming standard for rescue and medical units. This is the second year the chief is asking for the service contract on the LUCAS. The service agreement is for 1 year, covers all comprehensive coverage and an annual preventive maintenance tune up.

**Motion:** Made by **Taylor** to approve service plan for the LUCUS at a annual cost of \$1548.00.

**Seconded: Bradford**

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

## **Preliminary Budget review for 2018-2019:**

The Chief presented his proposed budget for 2018-2019. The Chief is asking for an additional \$26,000 in operational expenditures. Most of the increase would be used for salary increases for the department. The current department salaries are between 17% - 75% lower than neighboring township. The Chief

stated the last salary increase for the department was in 2008. Even with his proposed salary increase the Department salaries will still be the lowest paid for on call departments.

It was the consensus of the board to have the finance review the proposed 2018 – 2019 at their October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and have a final document for presentation at the fire board meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>. Taylor stated he was in favor of increasing the salary of the fire department members.

**Chief's Report:** There were 76 calls in August and 83 so far in September of which 130 were Med calls and 6 fire calls with 924 calls YTD. There were 10 motor vehicle accident call which 8 of accidents had medical injuries. There was 1 mobile home fire, 1 lawnmower fire, 1 grass fire and 1 semi-truck fire and 5 out of the township assists. 65% of the calls were within the village.

The Chief stated that all the SCBA equipment paid for from a grant the Department received has been delivered. The Chief stated there will be training with the department for all the new equipment.

The Sparta Fire Department was the second-place finisher at the annual Roscommon Extraction Event.

The Chief stated the Fire Department provided support and medical assistance for the Gus Macker tournament and Apple Fest. They also sponsored a Pancake Breakfast which was paid for and supported by the Fire Fighters. The Department will also be providing support and vehicle control for the Sparta High School Homecoming this weekend. The Department will be providing support and vehicle control for the upcoming "Freedom Ride" which will start in Sparta on Saturday September 23.

Chief Bolen was one of the selected Fire Department officers to attend the Michigan State House for the 9-11 remembrance.

The Chief stated the new ladder truck is in the final stages of completion and should be delivered October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:** none

**Next Regular Meeting Date**

October 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Sparta Fire Station

**Motion:** Made by **Taylor** to adjourn at 8:04 pm

**Seconded:** **Van Patten**

**Motion Passed:** **6-0**

Minutes by **Goodfellow**, September 22, 2017