

# Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

June 15, 2017  
Sparta Fire Station

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

Also, present: Chief Bolen

Absent: Deputy Chief Olney & Dougan (village)

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:** 6-0

**Public Comment:** None

## **Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion:** Made by Taylor to approve May 18, 2017 minutes.

**Seconded:** Van Patten

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

## **Approval of Bills:**

**Motion:** Made by Van Patten to approve bills through June 13, 2017

**Seconded:** Bradford

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

**Chief's Report:** There were 94 calls this past period of which 74 were Med calls and 4 fire calls with 539 calls YTD. The Chief reported on the new fire fighters he has in training. Wheeler, Falconer, McKellar, Ellis, Pant, Fairchild & Roberts. In total, there are 7 new folks in various stages of training. He also stated that there are 4 existing fire fighters that will be leaving the force for numerous reasons. Once the new folks are all trained passed their certifications the department will have 25 total trained fire fighters. Taylor asked the Chief what is the average # of response fire fighters who attend a fire/accident between the hours of 6AM – 6PM. The chief responded that 4 personnel would be a good average, evening or night time there would be up to 12 people. The Chief stated that Platform #5 has been stripped of all valuable items the department what's to retain and the vehicle has been turned over to B&B.

**Reinstatement of Finance Committee:** Bergman stated that the current committee has been working well with the Fire Department and the village accounting and he would like to continue to have the Finance Committee become a permanent committee.

**Motion:** Made by **Van Patten** to reinstate the Finance Committee with Bergman, Chief Bolen, Van Patten & Goodfellow as members.

**Seconded: Momber**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

**Grant for SCBA:**

The Chief informed the board that SFD was part of a 4-fire department federal grant award. The approved grant would replace our existing air packs, tanks and masks. The Grant was prepared by our Fire Chief along with Rockford, Algoma and Courtland Fire Departments. SFD's portion of the grant will be \$158,160 of which SFD has a 10% matching fund that would come out of millage #1 fund balance. The departments have selected a vendor ISI and will be ordering the equipment within the next 2 weeks. The time frame for delivery for the new equipment should be 4-6 weeks. This new equipment will save the department from purchasing 48 new air tanks as the SDF air tanks will out of serviceable date.

**Motion:** Made by **Taylor** to fund the 10% matching funds of \$15,816 for the grant.

**Seconded: Bradford**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

**Contract Commission for Grant:** In the Chief current employment contract, the Chief is to be paid up 10% commission on any grants that the Department receives and the Board Approves.

**Motion:** Made by **Taylor** to pay the Chief a 10% commission on the SCBA grant.

**Seconded: Bradford**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

Being that next month's meeting fell within Town & Country days the July meeting will cancelled.

The board discussed any payment of bills within that time frame and wanted any outstanding invoices to be paid pending approval of the Finance Committee.

**Motion:** Made by **Van Patten** to have the Finance approve the monthly invoices and payments for the month of July.

**Seconded: Momber**

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

**Next Regular Meeting Date**

August 17, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Sparta Fire Station

**Motion:** Made by **Taylor** to adjourn at 7:40 pm

**Seconded: Van Patten**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

Minutes by **Goodfellow**, June 15, 2017