
MINUTES OF THE SPARTA FIRE BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2015
Sparta Fire Department Office

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Members present: : Kristi Dougan (village-chair), Jayne Paasch (village), Bob Maier (twp), Bill Goodfellow (twp), and Mark Anderle (twp) & Bob Whalen (village) .

Absent: none

Also present: Chief Bolen, Deputy Chief Olney

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Made by **Goodfellow** to approve agenda.

Seconded: **Whalen**

Motion Passed: 6-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Made by **Maier** to approve minutes dated, August 20th, 2015

Seconded: **Anderle**

Motion Passed: 6-0

Motion: Made by **Goodfellow** to approve minutes dated, September 17th, 2015 with correction Hubbard was not in attendance.

Seconded: **Maier**

Motion Passed: 6-0

Approval of Bills:

Motion: Made by **Whalen** to approve August & September bills.

Seconded: **Maier**

Motion Passed: 6-0

Village/Fire Department communication

The Fire Department Chief met with the Village manager and the Village Police Chief to review and discuss fire policy, joint participation and expectations of each department.

The Fire Chief will offer joint training to Village employees and Police officers which help in common expectation for the different department and working toward a joint policy agreement.

Request to Purchase

Dan Olney presented the request to purchase new Vent Fans, Rescue Cutoff Saws, Ventilation Saws & Chains Saws. All the existing equipment is old. Some working, some not. Repair costs are more than new purchases.

Motion: Made by **Whalen** to purchase the equipment (option 1) at a cost of \$11,626.72, millage fund #1 and have the old equipment offered for sale.

Seconded: **Maier**

Motion Passed: 6-0

Request to Purchase

Dan Olney presented the request to purchase new cordless battery tools. The current tools are older, the battery will not hold a charge, new replacement batteries are not available.

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Motion: Made by Anderle to purchase the Milwaukee package from SF supply at a cost of \$1072.00, millage fund #1.

Seconded: **Whalen**

Apparatus Strategic Replacement Plan

Dan Olney presented the planned replacement plan.

The board discussed the options of combined vehicles, pumper/ladder, Larger Pumper etc.

The Chief will be meeting with Kent County to review/discuss the County funding of a new vehicle.

Chief's Report:

936 calls YTD. For the last month there were: 52 med calls, 8 fire calls, 2 accidents.

The Department participated in the Roscommon Extraction event last month and came back home the #1 team again.

Next Regular Meeting Date

November 19th, 2015 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will be at the fire station office.

Public Comment

Don Paasch commented on the City of Walker who had an OSHA violation involving police officer assisting at a fire.

Shawn Morton commented on Joint cross training of village employees. Clear exceptions for dealing with the public and the safety of others.

Chairperson Dougan adjourned by Privilege at 8:39 PM

Minutes by W. Goodfellow 10-9-15