

**Minutes of the Sparta Area Fire Authority Meeting
August 20, 2026**

Present: Goodfellow (twp), Cumings (village), Chief Olney, Johnson (village), Peoples (village), Anderson (twp), and Bergman (twp). Deputy Chief Wood

Absent: none

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Goodfellow to approve the agenda.

Second: Johnson

Motion Passed: 6-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Meeting Minutes July 23, 2026:

Motion: Made Johnson approve July 23, 2026, minutes.

Second: Peoples

Motion Passed: 6-0

Finance Board Update:

Cumings stated that the finance board had met twice since the last board meeting. They reviewed and approved all department invoices for \$8,178.17. The expenditure is currently at 31% for the year. There was an \$800,000 increase in the revenue due to the Choice One Loan being deposited in the department account. The funds will be moved into a "new" construction account for the building project. The liability for the loan will be monitored with semiannual payments.

Approval of the bills:

Motion: Johnson to approve bills through August 18, 2026.

Second: Anderson

Motion Passed: 6-0

Old Business:

Station Update: (attached)

Some of the subs for the construction project have been reviewing the site, masonry & brick, exterior colors of steel and other items.

Chief's Report:

There were 79 calls last period and 697 calls YTD. (see attached) There were 4 fire related fire calls and 3 were mutual aid with 1 electrical fire in a trailer. There were several accidents for the month with minor and multiply injuries. Several hazardous conditions accounted for 5 reports due to weather conditions.

Audit Report: The annual audit report was reviewed. Anderson & Goodfellow both stated they'd read and reviewed the audit report. Even though it was lengthy report it appeared that audit was complete and there were no deficiencies, corrections or improvements that need to be done. It was suggested that all board members take the time and review the audit report.

Motion: Johnson to approve audit report and have the Chief sign the report.

Second: Peoples

Motion Passed: 6-0

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date: September 17th at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Next Finance Meeting Dates: September 1st, 2026, and September 17th, 2026, at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Adjournment:

Motion: Cumings to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

Second: Johnson

Motion Passed: 6-0

Minutes by Goodfellow 8-21-26.

Note: Cumings stated he will not be attending the September 17th meeting.



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Chiefs Report

New Business:

1. Monthly report (from July 20, 2026, through August 16, 2026)
 1. Fire calls (NFIRS 100 classifications)
 1. 6410 Vinton Ave: mutual aid to Alpine (cancelled enroute)
 2. 4000 Alpine Ave: second alarm request on a storage unit fire
 3. 8201 Krupp: mutual aid to Plainfield with T8 (barn fire)
 4. 92 Traveler: electrical fire in the wall
 - 5.
 2. Explosions calls (NFIRS 200 classifications)
 3. Rescue calls, including accidents (NFIRS 300 classifications)
 - 1.
 2. M37 and O'Connor: unknown accident that was cancelled
 3. M37 and 15-mile: two car with 3-patients
 4. S. State and E Gardner: accident with minor injury
 - 5.
 4. Hazardous Conditions (NFIRS 400 classifications)
 1. 283 Clark Street: fire alarm
 2. 172 E Averill: wire down
 3. 164 E Gardner: wire down (transformer fire)
 4. 207 Pine Street: wire down
 5. 177 Vine Street: wire down
 - 6.
 5. Service calls (NFIRS 500 classifications)
 6. Good intent calls (NFIRS 600 classifications)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 7. False alarms (NFIRS 700 classifications)
 1. 389 E Division: fire alarm
 2. 9983 Sparta Ave: fire alarm (Cascade Die Cast)
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 4. 240 E Spartan Dr: fire alarm (contractor set the alarm off)
 5. 65 Ida Red: fire alarm
 6. 303 Taylor Place: fire alarm
 - 7.
 8. Severe Weather incident (NFIRS 800 classifications)
 9. Special incidents (NFIRS 900 classifications)



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Building update:

1. Loan was signed with Choice One
2. Interior colors have been selected
3. Still waiting on cost adjustments from Nugent
4. No firm start date
5. Subcontractors have been on-site for color match on brick and metal
6. Asbestos test was completed the first week in August – no update on report

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