

Minutes of a Joint Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board and the Sparta Village Council  
Sparta Civic Center  
75 N. Union St. Sparta, Mi 49345  
September 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Village President Kristi Dougan at 7:00pm.

**Members Present:** Dale Bergman, Rachel Shangle, Marcy Savage,  
Chad Momber, and Bill Goodfellow  
Village Council Present: Braybrook, Robinson, Taylor, Whalen, VanPatten, Dougan.

**Members Absent:** Bradford and Steffens  
Village Council: Ryan Hayes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:**

Moved by Whalen, seconded by Goodfellow to approve Business Agenda.  
Carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Review Subcommittee Recommendations for Amendments to Joint Fire Agreement between Village of Sparta and Sparta Township**

The committee recommended that Village President Dougan read the proposed amended Joint Fire Protection Agreement. The Township Board Trustee and Village Council would like to go thru the agreement and make sure that everyone understands it.

The Following changes were made to the agreement:

- The effective date was changed from April 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019.
- Article 1- Section 1.2 © delete – “or for terms of four years if not an elected official”.
- Article 11- Section 2.2 (a) change November 15 to November 1.
- Article 11- Section 2.2 (c) change to read as follows: At the end of each fiscal year any cash balance in excess of 25% of the year’s budget will be put in a special fund to be used for major capital expenses as approved by the fire board.
- Article 11 – Section 2.3 (b) delete- The preferred choice for providing & However, the Board may select another qualified accounting service provider if deemed necessary. The second sentence should now read “Accounting Services shall be provided either through the Township or the Village”.
- Article 11 -Section 2.6 – The first sentence should read The Township shall contribute 2/3 and the Village shall contribute 1/3 of the annual budget for the SFD to be paid in quarterly installments.

A motion by Shangle, seconded by Momber, to approve the amended Joint Fire Protection Agreement with the changes noted, have Supervisor Dale Bergman sign the agreement and have it effective on January 1, 2019. **Carried 5-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn by executive privilege at 8:27 p.m. by Village President Dougan

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Savage, Clerk