

**Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting**  
**May 16, 2019**  
**Sparta Fire Station**

**Present:** Bergman (twp-chair), Van Patten (village), Fisk (village), Anderson (twp), Goodfellow (twp), & Cumings (village).

Also, present: Chief Olney

Absent: None

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

**Additions to Agenda:** none

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Van Patten to approve the agenda.

**Seconded:** Fisk

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

**Public Comment:** none

**Approval of the Minutes:**

**Motion:** Made by Van Patten to approve the April 18, 2019 minutes.

**Seconded:** Cumings

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

**Approval of the bills:**

**Motion:** Made by VanPatten to approve bills through May 13, 2019

**Seconded:** Anderson

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

**Finance Board Update:**

Van Patten reviewed with the board the committee meetings. Van Patten stated there were no issues from the last 2 meetings. Van Patten stated that the finance committee was waiting for the Village accounting to provide a date for the fire department and correct the line item budget for 2019-2020. The committee reviewed and approved all the invoices.

**Old Business:** Chief Olney stated that he now has a date for the department audit. May 29-30. He'll try and get a good date and time for him and Anderson to review and answer any audit questions before and changes are made.

Olney stated that the new fire station sign has been completed and wired.

**Chief's Report:** Chief Olney presented the Chief Report (see attachments). There were 79 calls in April and so far in May with 328 calls YTD. There were (6) fire calls, (5) injury accidents, (3) mutual aid assists and (8) brush/grass fires.

The Chief stated 3 new fire fighters will start medical training in May 20<sup>th</sup> and has hire one more new fire fighter.

**Request to Purchase (5) complete sets of turn out gear:** Chief Olney described the departmental bid spec for all new turn out gear. The bid spec was given to (4) different companies for quotes for turn out gear, boots, helmets and leather fronts. The Chief and his team reviewed all the bids and make the following recommendations.

Purchase the turn out gear from: Phoenix Safety Outfitters, Purchase the helmets from: Fire Force, the leather fronts from 5-Alarm and the boots from Samm Sales:

**Motion:** Made by Cumings to purchase the (5) sets of turn out gear as recommended by the Chief for a cost of \$14,200.00 paid from the Mileage #1 funds

**Seconded:** Van Patten

**Motion Passed:** 6-0

**Request to Donate Brush truck #11 and Tender #11:** Chief Olney explained to the board that both of these vehicles were given to the department from the DNR. In the past 2 years neither of these vehicles have been used. The costs to maintain, insure and store far exceed any value they might have.

Chief Olney told the board that Whitefish Twp fire department needs some newer vehicles and these would have a useful value to their fire department. The Sparta Fire Department received these vehicles at no cost. The DNR stated that we've fulfilled our commitment and we can do what we want with the vehicles. The DNR suggested that we donate them to another department as a good cause. The Whitefish Twp fire department would come to Sparta and pickup both vehicles.

**Motion: Made by Anderson** to donate both vehicles to Whitefish Twp fire department.

**Seconded: Fisk**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

**Lawn Care Renewal Contract:** Chief Olney presented the board a contract renewal for lawn care service from Water Works. Being this was a renewal contract with same price the Chief didn't bid out the lawn service.

**Motion: Made by Van Patten** to accept the bid of \$1350.00 for lawn care service and spring and fall cleanup from Water Works.

**Seconded: Fisk**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

**Sale of old Department Riding Mower:** The Chief stated that being we've been using a lawn care service for the past years he'd like to sell the departments old John Deere mower JGL100 38" rider. Estimate value is between \$250 - \$500 for a 10-year-old rider.

**Motion: Made by Cumings** to accept a bid of not less than \$400.00 for lawn mower

**Seconded: Van Patten**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Regular Meeting Date:**

June 20th, 2019 at 7 pm at the Sparta Fire Station.

**Motion: Made by Goodfellow** to adjourn at 7:40 PM

**Seconded: Anderson**

**Motion Passed: 6-0**

Finance meetings: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 4:00 PM Sparta Township Office

Minutes by W. Goodfellow 4-21-19

(Goodfellow will not be at the June meeting)