

**Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting
June 17, 2021
In person & Zoom Access Meeting**

Present: Bergman (twp-chair), Anderson (twp), Betty Van Patten (village), & Bill Taylor (village)

Also, present: Chief Olney

Absent: Cumings (village), Goodfellow (twp)

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

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Made VanPatten to approve the agenda.

Seconded: Taylor

Motion Passed: 4-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: Anderson to approve the May 20, 2021 minutes.

Seconded: VanPatten

Motion Passed: 4-0

Approval of the bills:

Motion: Made by Anderson to approve bills from May 19, 2021 – June 15, 2021.

Seconded: VanPatten

Motion Passed: 4-0

Finance Board Update:

Anderson stated that the finance board met twice since the last board meeting and approved all department invoices. Per Anderson, the operational budget expenditures through the month are at 16.18% of budget. Fund balance grew (\$35,314.47). Also met with auditors but this process is still in the early stages.

Old Business:

Audit: The Chief stated that Finance Board and he met with the auditor but still in the early stages. He hopes to have more feedback next month.

Mason House Update: Discussed the agreement with Mr. Wolters for the removal of the house (provided in the meeting packet).

Areas of the agreement that were discussed:

- A. Section A. Change address from West to North (agreed and changed on agreement)
- B. Section 3 (Deadline) Change date from September 1st to October 1st (agreed and changed on agreement)
- C. Section 4 (Duration) Delete section completely from agreement (agreed and deleted)
- D. Section 8 (Trees) Fire department is responsible for the removal of the trees. (Agreed and changed on agreement)
- E. Section 9 (Security Fencing) Agreed to leave on agreement as written
- F. Section 10 (Restoration) Remove first sentence and leave the rest as written (Agreed and changed on the agreement)

Motion: Made by Anderson to have the Chief work with Legal Council on the agreement changes and moved to approve agreement once modifications are approved by Council.

Seconded: VanPatten

Motion Passed: 4-0

Station Drawings: Per Bergman we need to apply for the funds from the American Restoration Plan soon. He has more information from a zoom meeting he attended and will bring that to the next meeting. Chief also provided the drawings and discussed each designs advantages and disadvantages. It was discussed to form a Building Committee to see the project to completion.

Motion: Made by VanPatten to form a Building Committee consisting of 2 Board members, 2 Firemen, and Chief Olney (Two Board members to be Goodfellow and Taylor)

Seconded: Anderson

Motion Passed: 4-0

Motion: Made by Anderson to approve Brouwer Tree Service, LLC to remove the trees at 53 N State Street in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Seconded: Taylor

Motion Passed: 4-0

Chief's Report: Chief Olney presented the Chief's report. (in Board packet). There were 374 calls YTD. The Chief stated there were several illegal burns and 5 minor accidents for the month.

Next Meeting Date: July 22nd at 7:00 PM in the fire station.

Next Finance Meeting Dates: July 6th and July 20th at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

Motion: Made by VanPatten to adjourn at 8:02 PM.

Seconded: Taylor

Motion Passed: 4-0

Minutes by VanPatten 6-18-21