

Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

July 22, 2021

In person & Zoom Access Meeting

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

Also, present: Chief Olney, Deputy Chief Wood

Absent: None

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

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Made Goodfellow to approve the agenda.

Seconded: Van Patten

Motion Passed: 6-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: Van Patten to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes.

Seconded: Goodfellow

Motion Passed: 6-0

Approval of the bills:

Motion: Made by Cumings to approve bills from June 14, 2021 – July 19, 2021.

Seconded: Taylor

Motion Passed: 6-0

Finance Board Update:

Cumings stated that the finance board meet twice since the last board meeting and approved all department invoices. Per Cumings, the operational budget expenditures through the month of July is at 21.8% of budget.

Annual Audit Report: The Chief distributed preliminary copies of the annual audit to the Chairperson and the finance committee members for review.

Old Business:

Mason House: The chief stated the house should be moved within the next 2 weeks as scheduled. Once the house has been moved the chief will present bids for the remaining clean up of the site. The clean up include all the remaining concrete, footing, trees and stumps, old garage, and other debris.

Station Drawings: The Chief stated that a subcommittee has been established to review the current drawings/proposals with input from board members, the chief and selected fire fighters. Once the subcommittee has completed their recommendations, the findings will be presented to the fire board.

Chief's Report: Chief Olney presented the Chief's report. (see attached). There were 468 calls YTD. The Chief stated there were 6 fires in the past month and 6 accidents in the last month.

Annual Report: The chief highlighted some of the items on the annual fire department report. Staffing and training are always a concern and difficult to add and keep qualified fire fighters. The department did loose 3

fire fighters last year but was able to recruit 3 additional fire fighter who are still in training. This past year training was an issued due to COVID. However, the department managed to due online UL training for over 1200 hours of department training. Special events/project were limited again by COVID. The department still managed to provide Toys for Tots with over \$750.00 worth of toys.

Motion: Made by Anderson to accept the quote from Andrus Architecture.

Seconded: Goodfellow

Motion Passed: 5-0

Next Meeting Date: August 19th at 7:00 PM in the fire station.

Next Finance Meeting Dates: Aug 3rd & Aug 19th at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Public Comment: none

Adjournment:

Motion: Made by Van Patten to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Seconded: Cumings

Motion Passed: 6-0

Minutes by Goodfellow 7-24-21