

Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

February 16, 2017
Sparta Fire Station

Present: Bergman (twp-chair), Bradford (twp), Momber (twp), Taylor (village) and VanPatten (village).
Also present: Chief Bolen and Deputy Chief Olney
Absent: Dougan (village) and Goodfellow (twp)

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

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Made by **Taylor** to approve the agenda

Seconded: VanPatten

Motion Passed: 5-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes: **Taylor** requested to have the location of meeting corrected from Sparta Township Meeting Room to Sparta Fire Station in the header portion of the January 19, 2017 minutes.

Motion: Made by **Taylor** to correct the location of meeting on January's minutes

Seconded: Bradford

Motion Passed: 5-0

Approval of Bills: The board had several questions on the invoices sent to the board for approval.

VanPatten questioned the \$2,058.01 purchase at Sam's Club listed as Operating Expenses. This was explained as the computer purchase that had been pre-approved. **Taylor** questioned the \$491.90 for Mark's Body Shop and \$20,247.30 for Spencer Manufacturing. These were explained as repairs.

Motion: Made by **VanPatten** to approve bills through February 16, 2017

Seconded: Momber

Motion Passed: 4-1 (**Taylor** dissenting)

Goodfellow (prior to the meeting) had asked **Bergman** to address several late fees and penalties. They were as follows:

1. Michigan Dept. of Treasury (December 2015 taxes not paid) Penalty \$1,346.46 and late fee of \$144.84.
2. US Bank late fee of \$15.60
3. Spectrum Business past due amount of \$187.33

Bergman to contact Sharon and Pam at the Village Office to determine the problems (situations relating to the late fees and penalties) and report back to the board.

Chief's Report: There have been 85 incidents so far in 2017 (3 false alarms, 1 fire, 6 good intent calls, 73 Rescue and E&M services, 2 service calls) **Taylor** questioned what is the difference between "good intent" and "service calls". Good intents were explained as lift assists or odor investigations and service calls were explained as lock outs or alarms going off.

**** Bolen and Olney were called out to respond to multi-vehicle accident at this time****

Request to replace two (2) pedestrian doors in the station (rusted out): Two quotes were offered. First one from Fritz Wahlfield Construction for a total of \$6,820.00 which would replace both doors and the second quote from S.A. Morman & Co. for \$7,270.00 also a quote for full replacement of both doors. The board physically examined each door and it was determined that the front pedestrian door had no visible damage or rust and the back door (located in the apparatus bay area) only had rust located in the bottom left jam. It was discussed that new quotes were necessary to only cover the cost to replace the apparatus bay area door and either repair or replace the left jam. It was also discussed and determined that the cost may be under \$1,000.00.

Motion: Made by **Taylor** to deny the original requests to replace both pedestrian doors

Seconded: Bradford

Motion Passed: 5-0

Joint Township and Village Meeting: The meeting is scheduled @ 7:00pm located at the Township Hall on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

Comments: **Taylor** questioned **Bergman** regarding the sentence in the January 19, 2017 minutes that stated "review of invoices on a trial bases and report back to the board". **Bergman** indicated he would place on the agenda for next month and report back at that time.

Public Comment: None

Next Regular Meeting Date

March 16, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Sparta Fire Station

Motion: Made by **Taylor** to adjourn at 7:52pm

Seconded: VanPatten

Motion Passed: 5-0

It was noted that **VanPatten** would not be attending the March meeting.

Minutes by **VanPatten**, February 21, 2017