

Minutes of the Sparta Fire Board Meeting

January 19, 2012 7:00 PM

Sparta Fire Department Office

Called to Order: 7:00 PM

Members present: : Rob Steffens (twp), Skip Meyer (village-chair) Bill Goodfellow (twp), Bob Maier (twp), Paul Hibbard (village) & Bill Taylor (village) Bob Whalen (village).

Absent: None

Also present: Chief Bolens, Deputy Chief Simons

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Made by **Maier** to approve agenda.

Seconded: **Steffens**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Made by **Whalen** to approve minutes dated November 17, 2011

Seconded: **Hibbard**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Approval of Bills:

Discussion on fire station heating system which still isn't working properly. B&B has been out several times to fix system which appear to have some installation issues, electronic boards which were wrong and a defective heat probe. The chief will work B&B on their invoice. The board requested the chief to get local quote for Fire Department clothing. There was some discussion about multiply invoices to the same company. The board requested the chief make sure the invoices are consolidated and receive board approval before purchase.

The budget is currently tracking expenditures.

Motion: Made by **Maier** to approve November & December bills with the exception of the B&B invoice.

Seconded: **Whalen**

Motion Passed: 7-0

eDispatch:

The Chief discussed what eDispatch was, what it could do and the need for eDispatch. The County dispatch network for non-emergency requests have been reduced. The Chief stated the Department needs a better notification system which eDispatch can do. The monthly costs and services available by eDispatch were questioned and the Chief will do additional research.

Motion; Made by **Whalen** to table until next meeting pending more information.

Seconded: **Maier**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Headsets Platform 5:

The chief presented additional quotes for wire head set for the ladder truck #5. The existing plug in wire can not be repaired and in order to communicate another system is required.

Motion: Made by **Steffens** to purchase Head Set from Roe-Com for \$2250.00.

Seconded: **Hibbard**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Clapper Valve 4”:

The Chief presented quote for a valve system that allows for multiple water tankers to discharge at a single time. Other local departments have also purchased the same valve which allows all the local departments use the same process.

Motion: Made by **Steffens** to purchase Valve from SAMM for \$750.00.

Seconded: **Taylor**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Replacement of Wood Shakes on Fire Station:

The Chief submitted (2) quotes for the removal and replacement of a new metal standing seam roof. The “Board” reviewed the quotes and ask to Chief to get additional local quotes from contractors.

Consensuses of the board was to table until the Chief received additional quotes.

Hydraulic Pump:

The one of the existing hydraulic pumps is only ½ working. The cost to repair the pump is \$3,500.00 The Chief presented a quote for a new demo unit with a new warranty.

The price of the demo unit is \$1,500 less than a new unit.

Motion: Made by **Maier** to purchase Demo Unit MachIII Outlaw Pump from Rescure Resources for \$5,300.00

Seconded: **Steffens**

Motion Passed: 7-0

2012-2013 Budget:

The Chief presented his annual budget for 2012-2013. The total budget request was the same as the past years. The board asked the Chief to get a list of major items and time frames for replacements or additions. Long term plans.

Chief’s Report

The department ended with 887 total calls for the year.

40 calls YTD. Last month there were 7 accidents, 28 medical and 1 fire.

ISO review is still on going. The survey includes all equipment, training and record review. Current ISO rating for village is 6 and the township is 9.

Next Regular Meeting Date

February 16th 2012 at 7:00 PM (this is a week later than normal)

The meeting is at the Fire Office.

Public Comments: none.

Motion by **Steffens** to adjourn.

Seconded: **Hibbard**

Motion Passed: 7-0

Adjourned: 8:35 PM

Goodfellow will not be attending the February meeting and Whalen has volunteered to take the meeting minutes.

Minutes by W. Goodfellow, 1-22-12