



# SPARTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Board of Directors

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January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Re: Minutes for Meeting January 28th, 2020

1) Brad Bliven called the monthly SVFD Board of Directors meeting to order at promptly 19:04

2) **Members in attendance were:**

- Craig Thornton – President
- Brad Bliven - Secretary
- Kevin Rhoton-Trustee
- Jason (Neil) Eckels
- Marie Baker -Firefighter
- Jason Tusing – Jr FireFighter
- Jordan Odle – Assistant Chief
- Cody Darmody – Firefighter
- Brian Malburg – Firefighter

**Guests in attendance were:**

- Chris Luce - Resident
- Brenda Doyle – Volunteer working to raise funds for the VFD
- Katherine Odle - Auxillary

3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** Brad led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) **Adopt the Order of the Day:** Brad made Motion to accept the order of the day, Jordan seconds and the attendees unanimously approved (no members abstained)

5) **Review Minutes from previous meeting.** Motion Made by Brad to accept the minutes of the day, Seconded by Craig and the attendees unanimously approved (no members abstained)

6) **Treasurer Update:** Pat Beard covered the monthly financial update. Printed financial records provided upon request to the SVFD Board.

• Current Balances:

- Checking Account Balance: \$24,501.02
- Savings Balance: \$1575.77
- Building Fund Extraco: \$39,332.58
- \$8636.36 County reimbursement

• Kevin makes motion to accept the Financial update, Jordan seconds the motion and the attendees unanimously approved (no members abstained)

7) **Public Forum:**

- Chris Luce attended as a resident and requested information about the new firehouse. Details were provided during the BOD update.
- Chris Luce mentioned that we need to update our Web site and modernize it. Jordan made a motion for Neil and Katherine and Brad to meet and provide a an update at the next meeting.

## 8) Report of Committees:

- **Training:** Update provided by Jordan Odle, Assistant Fire Chief.
  - Bell County Hot: Matt sent details on GSuite. All members are asked to refer to the details in your email. All registrations must be entered by Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Spring and Summer school is coming up quick. Note: Spring school has no dorms so the department must pay for lodging. All members are asked to tell Matt or Jordan in advance so they can determine reimbursement options.
  - Tuesday training has had low attendance lately. Jordan asks all members to attend.
- **Fund Raising:** Brenda Doyle
  - Fireworks stand for xmas: It appears we will make between \$2800 – 3300 depending on the tax rates. Brenda and Jim are volunteering to do a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks stand as well.
  - Jordan feels we need to vote on a fireworks stand for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
  - Jordan has proposed a Fill the Helmet for the first weekend of March. Brenda has confirmed March 14-15 for the proposed date to be clarified during the next VFD Meeting.
  - Chris Luce mentioned that GSuite has Fundraising tools for non-profits. Amazon is also an option for fundraising.
  - Chris Luce mentioned that we need to update our Web site and modernize it. Jordan made a motion for Neil and Blond and Brad to meet and provide an update at the next meeting.
- **New Fire House:**
  - Lhoist Quarry is donating the necessary crushed refined. Craig has a bid of \$3 per ton, another bid is \$3.5 a ton. Need 18 loads of Crushed Refine. Need a silt fence installed after dumping. Craig will finalize the delivery with Jordan in an effort to get it done ASAP. \$1275 estimated cost of moving the aggregate.
  - Billy with Martin Merietta is a possible concrete company. Jordan is checking with a concrete company behind the quarry.
  - Elite's bid of \$20,700 still is available.
  - \$1195 for each insulated 4 panel door installed. Chain hoist doors.
  - Assistant Chief of Salado has offered to give us a deal on Windows. At this time, we are not considering Windows but could in the future.
  - \$12,000 labor to weld up the structure.
  - Water Meter is \$2500 for a hydrant outside of the station. Craig is working with the 439 water department to see if some kind of deal can be found to reduce this debt.
  - Jordan has volunteered to look into the challenge of adding restroom facilities to the building. He will report back during the Feb Meeting.
  - New Address is 6308 Sparta Road. Mail will come to the current station until the building is built.
  - Building Committee will communicate via the G-Suite regarding next meeting and status.
  - Craig is working with 439 water to stamp each water bill with a notice of the new station and instructions of where to send the money. Brazos stamp has given a quote of \$50 for the stamp. Craig will see if a deposit is an option.
- **Auxillary:**
  - Katherine will be going on maternity leave for a short while. We wish her the very best.

## 9) Old Business:

- None

## 10) New Business:

- **Board of Directors:**
  - Ground breaking ceremony to be scheduled ASAP
- **Operations:**
  - New T-Shirts are royal blue as opposed to grey. Motion made by Jordan to approve Royal Blue shirts. Brad seconded the motion, all in favor of Blue. Matt and Jordan to consider the logo.
- **Auxiliary:** N/A
- **New Membership:** No New Membership.
  - 15 total members, with 2 inactive, with one leaving Active members

11) **Board of Directors Update:**

- Fund raising and starting construction of the new Firehouse is consuming all board resources.

12) **Adjourn:** Motion made to adjourn by Matt , seconded by Jim Doyle, all present approved unanimously (no abstained votes) Monthly meeting closes at 20:40:00

13) **Next Meeting will be scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Certification:**

I do hereby certify that this a true and correct record of the Sparta Volunteer Fire Department's monthly Board of Directors meeting held Jan 28th, 2020

Attested to this the 30th of Jan, 2020

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Brad Bliven

Secretary - Sparta Volunteer Fire Department