

**Minutes of the Sparta Area Fire Authority Special Meeting
March 30, 2026**

Present: Goodfellow (twp), Cumings (village), Chief Olney, Bergman (twp-chair), Johnson (village), Anderson (twp) & Peoples (village)

Absent: none

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

Additions to Agenda: none

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Goodfellow to approve the agenda

Second: Johnson

Motion Passed: 6-0

Public Comment: None

Millage Language for Fire Authority:

At the March 19th meeting the board approved Resolution #2 to approve ballot proposal for new millage language for the Sparta Fire Authority. The board at that time didn't like the language and asked the Chief to review with our attorney if we could change the language. After a full review of the requirements (MI General Property Tax Act) the wording "New Additional Millage" must be stated on the ballot because the department is now a "Fire Authority". The Board agreed to make the new millage language as close to the previous ballot request as possible. The wording on the ballot will now contain the words "New Additional Millage" .500 mil for the Acquisition of Fire Equipment and Vehicles and Fire Station Improvements

Motion: Goodfellow to resend Resolution #2 and to approve Resolution #4 the new ballot proposal.

Second: Johnson

Motion Passed: 6-0

Next Meeting Date: April 23rd at 7:00 PM at the fire station.

Next Finance Meeting Dates: April 7th, 2026, and April 21st, 2026, at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Adjournment:

Motion: Johnson to adjourn at 7:20 PM.

Second: Peoples

Motion Passed: 6-0

Minutes by Goodfellow 4-1-26.