

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): April 4, 2011

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Michigan
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-13611
(Commission File No.)

38-2078923
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1541 Reynolds Road, Charlotte, Michigan
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48813
(Zip Code)

517-543-6400
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if changed Since Last Report)

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 - £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) Retirement of Director

On April 4, 2011, William Foster, age 69 and one of the original founders of Spartan Motors, Inc., a Michigan corporation (the "Company"), notified the Company that he had decided to retire from the Board of Directors of the Company at the expiration of his term on May 25, 2011. Mr. Foster has been a director of the Company since 1978.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SPARTAN MOTORS, INC.

Dated: April 8, 2011

/s/ John E. Szykiel

By: John E. Szykiel
Its: President and CEO