

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE
OF OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON FEBRUARY
23, 2009.**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Mayor Truax led Council and visitors in reciting The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members present; Mayor Jackie Truax, Council Members Michael Caudill, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, David Naus and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent were Council Members Charlene Stelluto and Kenneth Byrd. Caudill made motion to accept the absences, seconded by Naus. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Dave Collier, Mr. Cowles and Karen Mundy (Press News).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For January there were; 3 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 1 Crash Report, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, 5 Calls for Service and 6 Agency Assists.

The minutes of the January 19th meeting were read. Caudill made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Collier addressed Council. Collier stated that the tornado siren has been updated and will now be controlled by dispatch. Collier also asked that the fire department be notified anytime water service to the hydrants will be interrupted so that they can have a tanker available for emergencies. Collier also stated that the fire department is willing and able to assist in any emergencies, just let them know what the Village needs.

Cowles addressed Council. Cowles stated that he was present to complain about the dirt bikes and four wheelers that are once again starting up in the Village, particularly on McKinley St. He stated that they are very noisy and destructive. Cowles stated that Kostic has already had to repair a drainage ditch due to the vehicles cutting across and the ditch is starting to cave in again. Chief Hager pointed out that Mr. Cowles needs to call the police when this occurs. Cowles stated that last year he did call the police and the police responded, but the riders disappeared. Cowles stated that he has heard they listen to the police scanner. Cowles inquired if photographs or videos would help. Hager stated "most definitely" but warned Cowles to be careful and not place himself in danger.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, Bank Reconciliation and Fund Status. Freitag made motion to pay the bills totaling \$25,906.93, seconded by Naus. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Cash Report to Council. There was \$62.00 received from Canton Municipal Court. Caudill made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-3-09-1 mowing contract – second reading.

R-4-09-1 3.0 mill operating levy certification – second reading.

O-3-09-2 ordinance setting water rates. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Caudill made motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by Naus. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-2-09-2 ordinance accepting 2009 Municipal Code. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Gray. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to accept the ordinance, seconded by Gray. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that once again this year the Council needs to appoint a representative to the Stark County Health Advisory Council. Cyperski offered to attend, Council agreed. The meeting will be March 5th.

The Mayor stated that the records have been destroyed per the retention schedule and stated she was happy that they are finally gone.

The Mayor stated that she had received a letter thanking Joe and Jerry for their hard work during the recent snow storms. The roads were maintained very well and knows a lot of work and hours were involved in maintaining the streets. The Mayor stated that she would also like to thank Joe for his work during the recent power and water outage. The Mayor also thanked the American Red Cross for delivering drinking water to the Village and the Fire Department for their help in supplying sanitary water for the residents.

Cyperski stated that he has sent a letter to the company making the public records request for Mayor's Court records, but has not received a response. Cyperski has also sent a follow-up letter with no response. Rice informed Cyperski that he will need copies of both letters to place in the Public Records Request file. Cyperski also stated that he has received the fire contract. It was late due to a mix-up in the mailing address used.

The Mayor stated that she had received the run reports for the fire department and Tri-Division Ambulance.

The Mayor passed around the minutes from the second meeting of the committee studying the school property. The next meeting is March 12th at 7:00pm in the Municipal Building.

Kostic addressed Council.

1. The course of events during the power outage. The night before the water outage, Kostic received notification at 7:00pm of the power outage. The water tower at that time was at 120 feet. The next morning AEP stated that the power should be back on by 10:00am. During this time the level in the tower was dropping from usage by the residents. 10:00am came and went and still no power. Kostic spoke with AEP again and was told that the power should be back on by 1:00pm. Kostic stated that since this was not long away, the decision was made not to obtain a generator as it takes 6 hours to procure and install the generator. 1:00pm came and still no power at which time Kostic spoke with AEP again and was told that they could not really give an estimate of the repair time. Kostic stated that he witnessed an AEP truck in the Village and spoke with the workers who stated that they were looking for the outage. The power returned about 6:00pm that night.
2. Kostic reported that the Village has used approx. \$3,500.00 worth of salt so far this season.

3. The estimates for the 2009 paving project will be received by March 13th at 3:00pm and will be available for opening at the Council Meeting on March 16th.
4. Kostic stated that he has received a notice from Reilly Sweeping about cleaning the streets this year. The fee will be the same as last year. The fee was \$190.00 for the first 2 hours and \$90.00 for each additional hour. It took approx. 8 hours last year.

The Mayor stated that she had not received the Park Board minutes and noted that there were no representatives present for the Park Board.

The Water Board minutes were presented to Council.

The Mayor stated that she has received complaints of garbage trucks in the alleys and thinks that the trucks need to refrain from entering the alleys and that residents should place their trash for pick up on the main streets. The trucks are causing damage to the roadways. The Mayor stated that she would investigate to determine the offenders.

The Mayor stated that Village Clean-up day would be April 25th.

Freitag made motion to adjourn, seconded by Naus. Meeting adjourned 7:49pm.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer