

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 JUNE 20, 2011.

The meeting was 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 Charlene Stelluto, Marlene Gray and Clerk Treasurer Rice. Absent were Council Members Chris Freitag and Jenna Hessedence. Visitors included; Chris Freitag, Henry Johnsen, Scott Muir, Joseph Kostic (Village Coordinator), Barb Malavite (SVCP), Sean Eichelberger, William Bower and Kenneth Byrd (Bldg Inspector).

Mayor Truax read a letter of resignation from Chris Freitag. Freitag had moved out of the Village and therefore could no longer serve on Council. Gray moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 2 Yea 0 Nay, motion carried. Council Member Hessedence Arrived at 7:10pm.

Mayor Truax stated that she would like to nominate Scott Muir to fill one of the Council vacancies. Stelluto moved to accept the nomination of Muir, seconded by Gray. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Mayor Truax stated that she would also like to nominate Henry Johnsen to fill one of the Council Vacancies. Stelluto moved to accept the nomination of Johnsen, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Mayor Truax swore in New Council Members Scott Muir and Henry Johnsen.

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For May there were; 4 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 2 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests and 8 Calls for Service.

Bower addressed Council. Bower stated that he is seeking a building permit to build an extension onto his existing garage. Byrd stated that Bower would need a variance and since there are not 3 people serving on the zoning board he did not see how a variance could be issued. Also since the Village is investigating contracting with the County for inspections a permit could not be issued. Bower was informed that the Mayor would contact the county and inform Bower of the results.

Eichelberger addressed Council on behalf of the baseball and softball associations. Eichelberger stated that work was ready to proceed at the school property and first item was to seek permission from Council to remove several trees. Eichelberger also stated that Pike Township will assist in this project by removing playground equipment and moving basketball courts. Eichelberger asked Council if the Village workers could also assist in the project. Eichelberger went on to layout the proposed sites for the new ball fields and walking track along with the site for the basketball courts. Eichelberger also stated that some of the playground equipment will not be reinstalled due to safety and age issues. Eichelberger also stated that a drainage system will be installed to help with rain runoff. Hessedence moved to allow the removal of trees and the assistance of the Village workers, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the May 17th meeting were read. Gray moved to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 2 Yea, 0 Nay, Stelluto, Muir and Johnsen abstained, motion carried.

The Financial reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status and Revenue Status. Stelluto moved to pay the bills totaling \$107,308.89, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-7-11-6 ordinance approving flood plan – 1st reading.

O-8-11-6 ordinance approving contracting with county for building permits.

Stelluto made motion to suspend three readings and to pass as an EMERGENCY, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, ordinance passed.

Rice informed Council that he had information from another entity about mowing of vacant or abandoned properties. This entity, once the grass reaches a certain height, sends the homeowner a letter giving them a certain number of days to mow the grass. If after the deadline, the grass is not mowed, the entity sends its workers to mow the property and bills the homeowner \$300.00 which is attached to the property taxes if not paid. Stelluto moved to charge the property owners a fee of \$100.00 if not mowed, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Malavite presented the Park Board minutes to Council. Malavite asked Council for permission to purchase a new diving board from the grant money once it is approved by the EPA. Hessedence approved the expenditure from the grant fund, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Kostic addressed Council.

1. Kostic stated that 3 catch basins need replaced.
2. Will be assisting at school property.

The run reports for Tri-Division and the fire department were presented to Council.

The Water Board minutes were presented to Council.

Hessedence made motion to adjourn, seconded by Stelluto. Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm/

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer