

**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 MAY 17, 2011.**

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 Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Jenna Hessedence and Clerk Treasurer Rice. Absent was Council Member Charlene Stelluto. Freitag made motion to accept the absence of Stelluto, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Bob Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Kenneth Byrd (Building Inspector), Jennifer Crone (SVCP Park Board) and Andrew Wood.

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For April there were; 6 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 1 Misdemeanor Arrest, 0 Felony Arrests and 5 Calls for Service. Chief Hager reported that the Prescription Drug Take Back Program went well and thanked Sandy Township Fire for the use of their facility. Hager also reported that the new cruiser was now in service and has received numerous compliments on its appearance.

Truax asked Council what to do with old cruiser? Council discussed options of stripping equipment and putting up for bids or selling to Magnolia Police as a backup vehicle. Hessedence made motion to offer to sell cruiser to Magnolia for a cost of \$200.00, seconded by Gray. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Eagle Scout Wood addressed Council. Wood stated that he wanted to update Council on the progress of his Eagle Scout project to place a permanent sign at the Community Building. Estimated cost of the project is \$4,075.70. Wood is working with Byrd for permits and seeking funding for the project.

The minutes of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Truax noticed a correction. The cost of the sidewalk in front of the memorial is \$1,200.00 with the cost to the Village of \$600.00. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Gray. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status and Revenue Status. Freitag made motion to pay the bills totaling \$27,149.55, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-4-11-3 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for accepting Ohio Municipal Code. Freitag made motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Truax stated that she had received a letter from Minerva asking Council to endorse a thank you program for the Seals and all veterans of all branches of the military past or present. The program asks that residents turn on their porch lights on May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-10pm. Council agreed to endorse program and authorized the Mayor to place posters around town.

Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski stated that at the Mayor's request he had reviewed the zoning book and stated that the fees need to be updated along with an ordinance for fence construction. Cyperski to draw up recommendations and report back to Council at next meeting. Cyperski also reported that he has not secured the signature for A&R Machine as of yet, but should within the next week.

Truax stated that the Historical Society is having a "Log Cabin Day" and would like permission to close Main St. from Westbrook to Cleveland Ave for Parking.

Council stated that this would not be a problem but stated that the Fire Dept. would need to be advised.

Crone Addressed Council, Crone requested approval to spend up to \$1,500.00 for gravel for the parking lot to be paid from the grant money. Hessedence made motion to approve expenditure, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Crone stated that the mower has been purchased and is still looking for computer.

Kostic addressed Council. Kostic stated that he believes a curb needs to be placed along the new sidewalk along with some paving to blend into the roadway. Estimate for the project would be \$5,325.00 from Central Allied. Hessedence made motion to approve expenditure, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Kostic also stated that the creek bank and roadway along Main is starting to cave in again. Council instructed Kostic to investigate cost and method of repair and report back at next meeting.

The Water Board minutes were presented to Council.

The run reports for the Fire Dept. and Tri-Division were presented to Council.

Hessedence made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gray. Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk Treasurer