

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON OCTOBER 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 Charlene Stelluto, Marlene Gray, Jenna Hessedence, Scott Muir, Henry Johnsen and Clerk Treasurer Rice. Visitors included' Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Easterday (BOPA), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Kenneth Byrd (Building Inspector), Karen Mundy (Press News), Charlie Hall, Arnie Adams (Fire Dept), Michael Stephens, Dan Fetters (Fire Dept), David Naus, Vicki Ellington, Sean Eichelberger, Matt Monroe and Jennifer Crone (SVCP).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For September there were; 4 Traffic Arrests, 1 Juvenile Traffic, 1 DUI Arrest, 0 Crash Reports, 2 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, 4 Calls for Service and 1 Agency Assist. Chief Hager once again reminded Council of the importance of passing Issue 29 (county sales tax) on November's ballot. If the tax does not pass, the county sheriff will lose 100 beds in the jail, police departments will have to book their own criminals and the sheriff will cut all patrol hours. Hager reminded Council that Stark County is the only county in Ohio without a county sales tax.

Hall addressed Council. Hall stated that he was present representing the Fire Department and presented Council with a proposed 5 year \$20,000.00 a year contract for their approval. Hall stated that with the figures he received from the County Auditor, the \$20,000.00 is what the Fire Department wants. Mayor Truax stated that Council will take under advisement and provide an answer to the Fire Department.

Adams addressed Council stating that he wanted an answer now on the contract. Adams stated that the residents had passed the levy for fire protection and the department wants the money he says was promised to them.

Fetters addressed Council stating that he just wants everyone to "pay their fair share".

Naus addressed Council stating that he was there to support the Fire Department.

Ellington addressed Council stating that everyone needs to get along and forget about the hard feelings from the past.

Mayor Truax restated that Council will take under advisement and provide an answer at a later date.

The minutes from the September 19th meeting were read. Hessedence made motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. The minutes from the September 27th Special meeting were read. Stelluto made motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Warrant Register, Revenue Status and Receipt Register. Hessedence made motion to pay the bills totaling \$20,869.33, seconded by Johnsen. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-10-11-9 2nd reading of new water rates.

R-10-11-10 request for Amended Certificate and Supplemental Appropriations. Hessedence made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Hessedence made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-11-11-10 resolution accepting the rates set forth by the Stark County Auditor. Hessedence made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Hessedence made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-12-11-10 1st reading for resolution approving year end procedures.

R-13-11-10 1st reading for resolution approving year end closing procedures.

O-11-11-10 1st reading for solicitor's contract.

O-12-11-10 1st reading for Village Prosecutor contract.

R-14-11-10 1st reading for Public Defender contract.

Hessedence made motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, session entered at 7:30pm.

Hessedence made motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, session exited at 8:03pm.

Stelluto made motion to present the Fire Department with a proposed contract for 5 years at \$18,000.00 a year, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 3 Yea, 1 Nay with Muir abstaining. Cyperski addressed Adams and Hall explaining how Council reached the \$18,000.00. Cyperski explained that the BOPA had investigated the cost of purchasing a new fire hydrant and the necessary materials to replace and decided that the Village should retain \$3,000.00 a year for this purpose. Hall stated that he would take back to the Fire Department Board for approval. Adams stated that he believes the Village needs this money but does not think the Village should come back after the fact and ask for these funds.

Cyperski addressed Council stating that he had investigated the powers of the BOPA and Park Board. Cyperski stated that the Park Board has the authority for the normal day to day operation of the pool but is completely under the control of the Council. The BOPA are duly elected and have control over the fund but still need to come to Council for expenditures over \$500.00. Cyperski also stated nothing new on annexation.

Crone addressed Council stating that the pool closing will be Wed the 19th. Crone also stated that the Park Board will now be doing Boo in the Park as Rice is stepping down as the Chair. Crone also stated that the pool must acquire and install a lift to make the pool handicap accessible by opening of 2012.

Kostic addressed Council.

1. Received a quote for \$4,200.00 from Central Allied to pave in front of the Fire Department and behind where the trucks turn around. Hessedence made motion to split 50/50 with the fire department, seconded by Johnsen. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
2. The BOPA would like to bring in Continental Leak Detection to survey the Village for water leaks at a cost of about \$1,500.00. Stelluto made motion to accept the expenditure, seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
3. Is waiting on Central Allied to finish the chipping and sealing.

The Water Board minutes were presented to Council

Halloween Trick or Treat will be 10/31 from 6 to 7:00pm.

Monroe addressed Council stating that the ball fields at the old school property are for the most part finished. The walking track has also been installed. Monroe stated that he would like to leave the snow fence up for the rest of the year to allow the grass to fully come in. Monroe stated that he would like to thank the Village workers for their efforts and also hopes that the Village will mow the fields starting next year, Monroe stated that the baseball association would like the Village to get

an electrical drop for the fields and also pay for the meter. No decision was made regarding the electric.

Byrd addressed Council stating that he needs assistance with zoning. An eagle scout is almost ready to complete his project of installing a permanent lighted sign at the Community Center, but needs a variance to allow the sign to be placed in the best area. Cyperski to investigate if Council can issue a variance since the Village does not have a Zoning Board of Appeals/

Stelluto made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gray, meeting adjourned 8:52pm.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer