

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE  
OF OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
APRIL 16, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The Mayor led Council and visitors in reciting The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of allegiance. The assemblage also observed a moment of silence for the students killed at Virginia Tech College this AM.

Roll call was taken with the following members present; Mayor Jackie Truax, Council Members Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Robert Smith, Charlene Stelluto, Kenneth Byrd and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent was Council Member Michael Caudill. Smith made motion to accept the absence of Caudill, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Karen Sanders (East Sparta Business and Civic Association), Dave Collier (Press News) and Wayne Wood.

New Police Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For March, there were; 4 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, 2 Complaints and 21 Calls for Service. Hager informed Council that former Chief Gary Gardner has retired and has arrived at his permanent station in Afghanistan.

Karen Sanders addressed Council. Sanders stated that she was there to inform Council of the situation with the Homecoming. Sanders stated that Charles Patronic of Wolverine Fireworks had visited the Village and viewed several sites for the fireworks. The best site will be the grade school. Sanders stated that the show will be comprised of 2", 3" and 4" shells. Prior to signing contract, Sanders is seeking permission of Council, the Board of Education and a Poplar Street resident (James Bendure). Sanders stated that the cost will either be \$5,000.00 for a 15 to 18 minute program or \$8,000.00 for a 22 minute program. Sanders also stated that Wolverine Fireworks carries a \$5,000,000.00 insurance policy that should cover everything. The Clerk informed Sanders that after speaking with the Village insurance carrier (Dawson Insurance), that the Civic Association would have to also have an additional insurance rider that would cover the Village in the case of an accident, and also Wolverine Fireworks would have to add the Village onto his policy as Loss Payee. Sanders stated that she would call the insurance carrier and talk to them. Sanders also stated that the Civic Association is seeking permission to close Main St. from the Fire Dept. north to Rte. 800 from 5:45 to 11:00 PM the night of the fireworks to allow for parking of visiting fire vehicles. Sanders also stated that additional police presence will be required for traffic control. Sanders also stated that Pine St. west of Main, will be closed for the entire week of the Homecoming. The Homecoming will be July 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Sanders also stated that she has resigned from the Civic Association effective following the Homecoming.

The minutes of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Gray. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay with Stelluto and Byrd abstaining, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Bank Reconciliation, Warrant Register, Fund Status, Revenue Status, Receipt Register and Appropriation Status. Smith made motion to pay the

bills totaling \$11,507.80, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor's Cash Report was presented to Council. There was \$200.00 collected with \$48.00 going to the State. Freitag made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-7-07-4 ordinance adopting 2007 Model Ohio Municipal Code-Administration Code. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to pass ordinance as read as an EMERGENCY, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-6-07-3 appointment of Fire Inspector. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept appointment of Dale Freitag as Fire Inspector, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay with Freitag abstaining, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that the Leadership Class she had attended has volunteered to come to the Village and assist in going through the boxes of records and prepare report to be sent to the Historical Society. Freitag made motion to allow the class to help, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Robert Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski stated that he had a deed transfer request from the Mayor for a cemetery plot and that he would handle said transfer. Cyperski also reported that he has had no contact with Charles Hall regarding the proposed CEDA with Pike Township. Cyperski also stated that he is preparing the renewal of the 2.0 mill Fire Tax Levy for the Village to be placed on the November ballot.

The Mayor stated that the Clean-up day is Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 to Noon and is seeking helpers. Waste Management American Landfill is providing the dumpsters and the dumping this year.

The Mayor reported that there was no Park Board Meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup> due to lack of Quorum, however, there will be a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor also stated that she would like to appoint Chris Lehman to fill the vacant Park Board position. Freitag made motion to accept the appointment, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Board of Public Affairs minutes were read to Council.

The Mayor stated that the Clerk has requested the May and June meeting dates be changed from Monday to Tuesday for the two months as he cannot attend on Monday. Freitag made motion to set May and June Meetings on the Tuesday following the regular Monday dates, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that as of September 2007, ALL elected officials must attend 3 hours of training per term for Ohio Public Records. The Attorney General is attempting to arrange several regional training sites. The Village can be fined if officials do not attend the training.

Kostic addressed Council. Kostic thanked Council for the get well card for his recent surgery. Kostic stated that he is on the road to recovery, but it is not moving as quickly as he would wish. Kostic reported that Vasco will be in the Village on the 18<sup>th</sup> to sweep the streets. Kostic has informed Vasco not to bring a sweeper that is not equipped with water to alleviate the situation faced last year with the dust storm raised by the sweeping. Vasco will then

do the paving on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Kostic asked Council about paving other streets in the Village. The two worst streets at this time are Maple and the allotment. To do both would cost approximately \$80,000.00. Council decided to wait until the next tax disbursement to do further paving. Kostic also stated that the Village should install “NO THROUGH TRUCKS” signs. Since the bridge closure on Rte. 800, truck traffic has increased. Chief Hager to investigate the law and report back to Council.

Stelluto made motion to adjourn, seconded by Freitag. Meeting adjourned 8:11 PM.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer