

**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 JANUARY 15, 2007**

Mayor Truax called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Mayor 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, Robert Smith, Charlene Stelluto and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent was Kenneth Byrd. Smith made motion to accept Byrd's absence, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Karen Mundy (Press News), Don George, Wayne Wood, Doug Baum and Dan Fetters.

Lt. Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For December there were; 8 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 1 Crash Report, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests and 6 Complaints.

Dan Fetters (Sandy Valley Community Park Board) addressed Council. Fetters presented the Park Board Minutes to Council. The Park Board will continue to hold regular meetings on the second Thursday of each month with additional meetings to be held during the summer months. Job applications will be available at the Sandy Valley High School by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Memberships will increase to \$145.00 until May 31 then will increase to \$175.00 on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Hot dogs will increase from \$1.25 to \$1.50 and all other concession prices will remain the same. The Park will be open at the start of Little League to sell ice cream and memberships Monday through Friday in the evenings. Wages will remain the same as last season. The Park is considering turning over their spring fund raiser dinner to a representative from the High School.

Doug Baum addressed Council. Baum stated he was attending as a representative of the Pike Township Trustees and asked Council if they plan on proceeding with annexation if they would consider meeting with the Trustees and discuss a CEDA. Council did not answer question at this time.

Wayne Wood addressed Council. Wood read a prepared statement stating the he is against annexation and accused Council of using the water as a club to force annexation. Wood also stated that if Council decided to proceed with annexation he was going to provide an alternative to annexation to Village Residents. Wood's alternative was to circulate a petition attempting to gather enough signatures to place an issue on the ballot reverting the Village back to the Township to lower taxes. Wood stated that if Council continued with annexation he would have the petition circulated. Wood also stated that he wanted a copy of all records indicating monies spent on annexation and a copy of the Water Agreements.

The minutes of the December 19<sup>th</sup> regular meeting were read. Smith made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting was read. Freitag made motion to accept minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the January 9<sup>th</sup> Reorganization Meeting was read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, Caudill abstained, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Fund Status, Revenue Status, Bank Reconciliation and Appropriation Status. Stelluto made motion to accept the reports and pay the bills in the amount of \$10,214.63, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-01-07-1 resolution to transfer money within the General Fund. Rice stated that he needed a resolution to transfer \$7,974.24 from the Storm Sewer account to the Repayment account for the purpose of repayment of the Storm Sewer Project Loan. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Smith. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to accept resolution as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. There was \$752.00 collected with \$120.00 going to the State. Freitag made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that she had received an invoice for Mayors Court Clerk Dues of \$50.00. Stelluto made motion to pay the dues, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that Council needed to elect a new president for 2007. Stelluto asked Caudill if he were willing to remain as President of Council. Caudill stated that he did not wish to remain as President as he was contemplating selling his home and moving. Freitag nominated Stelluto, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay with Stelluto not voting, motion carried.

The Mayor reported that she would have Committee assignments by the next meeting.

O-02-07-1 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the mowing contract between the Village and Jim Hohman. Smith asked if anyone else had shown interest in obtaining the contract. Rice informed Smith that no one else has shown interest in the job after finding out what the job entails and the price that Hohman offers.

Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski reported that in the matter of the trees at the Community Park, Harsha has withdrawn his original offer to allow the Village to remove the trees, give Harsha half of the wood and Harsha would provide pine trees to replace the removed trees at no expense to the Village. The new agreement is that Harsha will allow the Village to cut the trees down on their side of the fence, give Harsha half the wood and the Village will provide the trees to replace those removed. Cyperski also stated that he is developing a lease for the Council and the Fire Dept.

Stelluto reported that the webpage is coming along and should be up and completely running by hopefully the end of the month.

Smith reported that the Tree Committee needs further investigation before finalizing the Tree Ordinance and the issue of becoming a Tree Community.

The BOPA minutes were read to Council.

The issue of Fire Inspector was addressed. The Mayor stated that Dale Freitag has stated that he will continue as Fire inspector if needed. Caudill made motion to rehire Dale Freitag as Fire Inspector. Chris Freitag stated that before the nomination is accepted, the Mayor should insure that Dale Freitag is current on training for the position. The Mayor stated that she would discuss the matter further with Dale Freitag and report back at the next Council Meeting.

Stelluto made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gray. Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.