

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL REORGANIZATION MEETING OF COUNCIL OF
THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF
OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON JANUARY 7, 2009.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call was taken with the following members present; Mayor Jackie Truax, Council Members Charlene Stelluto, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, David Naus and Clerk Treasurer Rice. Absent were Council Members Michael Caudill and Kenneth Byrd. Freitag made motion to accept the absences, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that Council needs to elect the President Pro-Tem of Council. Gray nominated Stelluto, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay Stelluto abstained, motion carried.

Council set the third Monday of each month as regular Council meeting except those Mondays that fall on a recognized holiday the meeting will be moved to Tuesday. Council retained 7:00 pm as starting time for all regular meetings.

Council Member Caudill arrived at 7:34 pm.

O-1-09-01 appropriation ordinance. The Clerk presented the proposed appropriations to Council for their approval. Rice also informed Council that 2009 was going to be a tough year with some hard decisions. The most important being that the Village operating levies need to be placed on the ballot as replacements and not renewals. Rice explained that the renewal levies revenue continues to drop as they age but expenses increase. For 2009 the 3.0 mill operating levy will expire. Rice explained that Council needs to have this placed on the ballot as a replacement this year and the 6.50 mill levy that expires in 2010 will also need to be a replacement. Rice informed Council that at the regular meeting they need to start addressing the revenue situation. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to pass ordinance as an EMERGENCY, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that this year she was placing all Council Members on each committee with the top three names listed being the actual committee. This should insure that if a committee wishes to meet there will be enough attendees to have a meeting.

Freitag made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gray. Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer