

**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 JULY 16,  
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 Charlene Stelluto, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Kenneth Byrd and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent were Council Members Michael Caudill and Robert Smith. Stelluto made motion to excuse the absents, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Joe Kotic (Village Coordinator), Chief Hager, Barbara Malavite (Sandy Valley Community Park Supervisor), Karen Mundy (Press News), Jim Knight (Stark County Prosecutor's Office) and Jennifer Otte.

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For June there were; 6 Traffic Arrests, 1 Juvenile Traffic, 1DUI Arrest, 1 Crash Report, 1 Misdemeanor Arrest, 0 Felony Arrests, 6 Reports. Chief Hager introduced Jim Knight to Council.

Jim Knight addressed Council. Knight stated that he is part of the Stark County Prosecutor's Office and is in charge of the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program. Knight stated that upon request by a resident, he will arrange a public meeting, advertise said meeting and conduct the meeting informing neighborhood residents of how to organize and manage a Neighborhood Watch. Knight stated that when the residents get involved, there is a much greater sense of security as the residents know more of what is going on than the police officers who only occasionally drive through a neighborhood. Knight stated that he will teach participants on when to call, how to report and what to report to the police department. Knight finished by leaving informational brochures and thanking Council for their time.

The minutes of the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Freitag made motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the Special July 3<sup>rd</sup> Budget Meeting were read. Byrd made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Clerk presented the Financial Reports to Council. The reports included; Bank Reconciliation, Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Revenue Status, Fund Status, and Appropriation status. Stelluto made motion to pay the bills totaling \$25,577.90, seconded by Gray. Roll call 44 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Rice also informed Council that he now has the capability to transfer reports to a file and e-mail the reports to Council Members prior to the meetings. Rice stated the only hard copy the Council would receive the night of the meeting would be the Warrant Register. Byrd made motion to have Rice e-mail the monthly reports to Council, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. For July there was \$569.00 collected with \$84.00 going to the state. Freitag made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that Mayor's Association Dues in the amount of \$20.00 are due. Stelluto made motion to pay the dues, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that OML Mayor's Court training is coming up. The Mayor and President Pro-Tem of Council are required to attend. Freitag made motion to send Truax and Stelluto to training at a cost of \$75.00 each, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-4-07-7 resolution applying for certification of levy amount to Stark County Auditor for Fire Levy renewal. Byrd made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to pass said resolution, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-5-07-7 resolution placing 2.0 mill Fire Levy on November ballot. Byrd made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to accept said resolution, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Mayor Truax stated that she had received a letter from the Pike Township Trustees requesting the presence of Council, the Mayor and representative of U.S. Ceramic Tile at a combined work meeting with themselves and the Zoning Board on August 1, 2007 at 7:00 PM. The purpose is to discuss the proposed Tile Plant annexation. Mayor Truax said she will attend along with Byrd, Freitag and Gray. Stelluto and Rice will be unable to attend as they will be on vacation out of state.

Stelluto reported that the Disaster Committee will be meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM prior to Council meeting.

Mayor Truax stated she has heard nothing but positive feedback about the Homecoming, parade and fireworks. Council would like to publicly thank the Civic Association and the Fire Department for their efforts in the events.

Barbara Malavite presented the Park Board Minutes to Council. Malavite also informed Council that the boiler is broken and is beyond repair. The boiler will need replaced at a cost of \$1,118.00 plus inspection. The part could be ordered through J.F. Good. Stelluto made motion to purchase the part, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Malavite also stated that an exterminator has been contacted to alleviate a problem with bees and hornets at a cost of \$65.00. Also the Park Board is ordering a handicapped Parking sign to be installed at the swimming pool at a cost of less than \$25.00.

Mayor Truax stated that she would like to appoint Marian Geir to fill the Park Board vacancy. Freitag made motion to accept the appointment, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Kostic addressed Council. Kostic presented 2 items to Council.

1. The parking lot at the Fire Station has been dug up. Originally it was thought to be a water leak that had caused the sinking of the parking lot. After digging down 8 feet the only problem found was a layer of damp clay under the pavement. Upon removing the clay, warm water was discovered. Further investigation led Kostic to believe that the water was from a faulty downspout drain and not the water department. Kostic has filled the hole with 304 limestone. Kostic stated that he believes that the Fire Department and the Village should split the cost of repaving the parking lot after the Fire Department

repairs the leak. Byrd will attend the next Board Meeting of the Fire Department.

2. Kostic stated that he has received estimates for the paving projects for this year. The estimates accepted were from Vasco .
  - A. Hilltop St. \$3,597.00 Byrd made motion to accept the estimate, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - B. Shirley St. \$11,402.00 Stelluto made motion to accept the estimate, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - C. Maple St. North of the tracks \$15,180.00 Stelluto made motion to accept the estimate, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - D. Clearview St. \$9,559.00 Stelluto made motion to accept estimate, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - E. Paradise St. \$7,979.00 Stelluto made motion to accept estimate, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - F. Reynolds St. \$10,781.00 Stelluto made motion to accept estimate, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - G. Neumann St. \$6,246.00 Stelluto made motion to accept estimate, seconded by Gray. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
  - H. Asphalt Milling \$15,553.00 Stelluto made motion to accept estimate, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

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

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Clerk-Treasurer