

**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 JUNE 19,
2007.**

Meeting called 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, Kenneth Byrd and Clerk-Treasurer Rice.

Visitors in attendance included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Dave Collier (East Sparta Fire Dept.), Doug Baum (Pike Twsp Trustee), Barb Malavite (Sandy Valley Comm. Park Mgr.), Don George, Wayne Wood, Karen Sanders (East Sparta Civic Assoc.), Dave Reader (U.S. Ceramic Tile), Patricia Byrd and Trisha Hanlon.

Police Chief Hager delivered the Police Report to Council. For May there were; 3 Traffic Arrests, 1 Juvenile Traffic, 2 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, and 2 Complaints. Chief Hager reported to Council that he had been informed of a local traffic hazard. The hazard is where Main St. and Walnut St. come together at the Town Pump. It seems that traffic in both directions are not required to stop so that traffic heading South on Main St. do not have to stop when crossing Walnut St. to continue South on Main St. The Chief stated that a stop sign should be erected where Main St. curves to the right. The sign should indicate STOP EXCEPT ON RIGHT TURN. The Chief will speak to Land Owner Morris and explain the situation and the placement of the sign on the road right of way. Byrd made motion to purchase stop sign and other necessary signs not to exceed \$500.00, seconded by Smith. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Barb Malavite presented the Park Board Minutes to Council.

Karen Sanders addressed Council. Sanders stated that she has collected all the funds necessary to purchase the fireworks. She stated that she has collected the entire \$5,000.00, but made no mention of the funds for the necessary insurance coverage. Mayor Truax informed Sanders that members of Council and the Solicitor have donated the funds to purchase the insurance. The funds donated are private monies and not public tax funds. Sanders also stated that the Civic Association has not received a copy of the lease signed last year. Mayor Truax stated she will make sure a copy is forwarded to the Civic Association.

The minutes of the May 22nd meeting were read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay Caudill abstained, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The Reports include; Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Revenue Status and Appropriation Status. Smith made motion to pay bills totaling \$28,637.53, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that Council needed to set the date for the annual Budget Meeting. The meeting needs to be prior to July 10th to insure the budget

reaches the auditor by July 15th. Council set the date as July 3, 2007 at 9:00 AM in the Municipal Building as the annual Budget Meeting.

Mayor Truax presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. For June there was \$648.00 collected with \$120.00 going to state. Freitag made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor thanked the members of her Leadership Training class, Council members and residents that recently assisted in records retention. The group as completed the first step in the long process of records retention.

Freitag made motion to enter Executive Session to discuss legal issues regarding the CEDA with the Solicitor, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, Executive Session entered at 7:09 PM. The Mayor invited Kostic and Rice to join session. Smith made motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, Executive Session exited at 7:40 PM.

Cyperski addressed Council and Visitors. Cyperski stated that Council has discussed the proposed CEDA and have determined that it is a good starting place. There are several points that need to be re-negotiated especially specific help provided by Pike Township, and some changes in the language in the agreement. Cyperski will contact the Township's attorney and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Collier addressed Council regarding the fire contract. Collier stated that the Department is willing to sign a one year contract for the year 2007 and then negotiate a five year contract after the passage of the fire levy in November. The new five year contract will coincide with the term of the fire levy.

O-8-07-6 Fire Contract between the Village of East Sparta and the East Sparta Fire Department. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Smith. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept the one year contract between the Village of East Sparta and the East Sparta Fire Department effective as of 1/1/07, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Cyperski to have contract prepared and ready for signing by next meeting.

Collier also reminded Council that Main St. will be closed the night of the parade and fireworks beginning at 5:30 PM and lasting until after the fireworks. There will be additional police presence to insure order. Baum stated that the Pike Township Sheriff Deputy will be assisting in traffic control along with the Fire Department and Magnolia Police Department.

Stelluto made motion to enter Executive Session to discuss land acquisition, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, Session entered at 8:04 PM. The Mayor invited Cyperski, Rice, Kostic and Dave Reader to join the Session. Smith made motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call ^ yea, 0 Nay, session exited at 8:22 PM.

Cyperski addressed Council and visitors. Cyperski stated that he has been approached with a proposed application for annexation by United States Ceramic Tile Co/Laughlin Corp. Reader addressed Council. Reader stated that the Tile Company believes that annexation to be in the best interest of the Tile Company and the other businesses. Reader stated that the Tile Company has reached an agreement with the BOPA to install a 6 inch water line which the Tile Company will donate to the Village upon its completion and the Village will provide water to those businesses South of the Tile Plant, specifically A&R and Slats & Nails. Both companies have signed binding agreements to petition for annexation and have provided the Mayor

irrevocable power of attorney to sign any legal documents regarding annexation on their behalf. Reader also stated that the Tile Company is donating 5 acres(+/-) to the Village for the site of the new water tower. The land donated will also have access being built on behalf of the Tile Company. Council expressed concerns about the "mountain". Reader assured the Council that if in the future a problem arose, the problem would be the Laughlin Corporation's and not the Village. The law states that it is the owners problem to clean any toxic areas. Smith made motion to accept the application for annexation, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Council thanked Mr. Reader for his generous donation and for the generous help the US Ceramic Tile Company as offered over the years. The Tile Company as been a valued neighbor and friend.

Kostic addressed Council. Kostic stated that the police cruise was in need of tires. Smith made motion to purchase tires for the cruiser, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Kostic also stated that he has been contacted by the Stark County Health Depart. Regarding larvacide. If the Village purchases \$300.00 the Health Depart. Will match that amount. Smith made motion to enter into the Health Depart. Larvacide Program, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Rice presented the Water Board Minutes to Council.

The Mayor stated that she would like to thank Kostic for all his work with the new water project and the work with the Tile Company in regards to the land donation and annexation.

The Mayor also stated that new procedures have been installed by the BOPA to handle delinquent accounts. The new procedure is; the Water Clerk send a 72 hour demand notice with a certificate of mailing, followed by a 24 shut-off notice being placed on the residents door. After the 24 hours, the water service is terminated. The new procedure brings the Village into line with other Villages and Towns in the area.

Freitag made motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. Meeting adjourned 8:49 PM.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer



