

**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 MARCH 19, 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 Grey, Robert Smith and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent were Council Members Charlene Stelluto and Kenneth Byrd. Smith made motion to accept the absences, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay motion carried. Visitors included; Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), David Collier (Press News), James Bendure (Sandy Valley community Park Board President), Doug Baum (Pike Township Trustee), Wayne Wood.

Lt. Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For February there were; 3 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 1 Crash Report, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, 2 Complaints and 18 Calls for Service. Lt. Hager reported that Chief Gardner has left for Virginia and if things go okay, the Chief will be leaving for Afghanistan in two weeks. Lt. Hager has been appointed as acting Chief by the Magnolia Council.

Lt. Hager presented a video tape of the traffic stop mentioned in the Press News following the February 23rd Council meeting. The video showed the officer stopping a female driver for failing to stop at a stop sign and for improper turns. The driver was given a verbal warning. The video showed the officer acted very professionally and courteously. Smith apologized to Lt. Hager for his comments that prompted the newspaper article. Smith stated that he was just going by what the driver (a Crossroads Pizza employee) had told him. Smith stated that the driver exaggerated greatly the incident and observed the officer had done nothing wrong.

James Bendure presented the Park Board minutes to Council for their consideration. Bendure stated that the park membership price has been reduced from \$175.00 to \$160.00 for memberships purchased after Memorial Day. Bendure also reported that the Park has received a commitment from the Sandy Valley Eagles for a \$5,000.00 donation to the park.

The minutes of the February 23rd regular meeting were read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Grey. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the February 23rd special meeting were read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Bank Reconciliation, Receipt Register, Fund Status, Revenue Status and Appropriation Status. Smith made motion to pay the bills totaling \$18,820.41, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council for their consideration. There was \$425.00 collected with \$72.00 going to the state. Freitag made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Smith. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-2-07-1 3rd reading of the mowing contract. Freitag made motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, ordinance passed.

O-5-07-3 ordinance updating ordinance no. o-12-05-4 setting meeting notification procedures. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept ordinance as presented, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, ordinance passed.

R-2-07-3 resolution updating copy fees. Caudill made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Caudill made motion to accept resolution as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call \$ yea, 0 Nay, resolution passed.

Caudill stated that he attended the Health Department meeting and stated that the Avian Flu was now considered a pandemic but has not reached the United States.

O-6-07-3 appointment of Fire Safety Officer. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept ordinance appointing Dale Freitag as Fire Safety Officer, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 3 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 abstain. Without a majority vote the ordinance will be carried over until the April meeting.

Cyperski reported that he has not received a draft from Attorney Hall for the proposed CEDA as of this date. Cyperski also reported that he answered a question of the Clerk regarding the proposed water project funding. The Clerk was concerned that the funding would exceed the limits set forth by the Ohio Revised code of 5.5 percent of Village tax valuation for unvoted debt and 10.5 percent for voted and unvoted debt. The Solicitor stated that the water project funding would be exempt from Village debt as the funds would be repaid strictly with water revenues. The BOPA estimates for the water project is \$2.5 million.

The Mayor stated that Joe Kostic ad undergone shoulder surgery and was unable to attend to present the Coordinator's Report. Kostic had received two estimates from Vasco for paving projects.

1. \$15,789.25 to install top coat on Garfield and Locust St.s. Freitag made motion to accept the estimate as presented, seconded by Grey. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
2. \$2,000.00 to patch potholes and water break repairs to be split 50/50 between the Village and the BOPA. Freitag made motion to accept the estimate as presented, seconded by Smith. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that on Wed. March 21 she will be delivering meals for Meals on Wheels Mayors Day. This is a once-a-year event.

Village Clean-Up Day will be April 21st from 8:00AM to 12:00 Noon. The Mayor is looking for volunteers to help on that day.

The Mayor received an invitation for Tree Community Award presentation to be held on April 24th in New Philadelphia. The Mayor passed the invitation on to Smith who is on the Tree Committee.

Caudill made motion to adjourn, seconded by Freitag. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer