

**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 MAY 15, 2007.**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. 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; Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Robert Smith, Charlene Stelluto, Kenneth Byrd and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent was Council Member Michael Caudill. Smith made motion to accept the absence of Caudill, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Dave Collier (Press News), Police Chief Hager and Officer Shuster (Magnolia PD).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For April there were; 5 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 1 Crash Report, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests and 2 Complaints. Chief Hager also reported that Sgt. Risher has been promoted to Lieutenant.

The Minutes of the April 16th meeting were read. Stelluto made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Smith. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Bank Reconciliation, Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Revenue Status and Fund Status. Rice reported that due to the earliness of the meeting not all monthly bills have arrived yet. Smith made motion to pay the monthly bills including those that may arrive after Council Meeting, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. There was \$495.00 collected with \$126.00 going to the State. Freitag made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor reported that her classmates from the Leadership Training she had recently attended have volunteered and will arrive on June 2nd to help with the records retention problem. The group will be going through and cataloging the records in preparation of records retention policy. The Mayor asked for Council Members to assist in the endeavor as there are in excess of 50 boxes of records.

The Mayor stated that she had received the proposed CEDA agreement from Pike Township. The Mayor presented copies of the agreement to Council with the instructions to Council to study the agreement and be prepared to discuss at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting in June.

Cyperski reported that he had attended the BOPA meeting and presented the BOPA with new policy for handling delinquent accounts. There will now be a 72 hour demand letter sent via regular mail with a certificate of mailing at a cost of \$0.95 versus \$4.42 for certified. After the 72 hours have expired a door hanger will be placed on the customers door indicating a 24 hour disconnect notice. Cyperski will also amend the by laws of the BOPA to indicate this new policy and procedure.

O-8-07-5 Fire Contract. The Mayor stated that the Fire Contract has expired and needs to be renewed. Byrd stated that also the Fire Levy expires this year and he believes that an amendment to the contract needs to be added stating that is the levy fails the Village has the right to renegotiate the contract. The Safety Committee will contact the Fire Department and report back at the next Council Meeting.

Stelluto asked Rice about the proposed fire works for the Homecoming. Rice reported that he had been in contact with the Village's insurance carrier and obtained the following information; in order for the fire works to be set off, there must be an insurance rider to protect the Village. The insurance carrier stated that they receive numerous claims each year against their policy holders in conjunction with fire works. Even though the pyrotechnic company adds their policy holders onto the pyrotechnics policy, they claimants not only sue the company but the Villages as well. Without the insurance rider, the Village will be unprotected from legal actions in conjunction with the fire works. The cost of the rider is \$460.00. Rice reported that he has invoiced the East Sparta Business and Civic Association for this amount, informing them that the insurance rider must be in place before any fire works may be set off.

R-3-07-5 resolution setting forth procedures for fire works. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Byrd made motion to pass resolution, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that she would like to publicly thank Jerry Ross of Waste Management American Landfill for helping with the yearly Clean-up Day. Ross provided the dumpsters and the dumping of the trash collected at no cost to the Village. This is the second year of the landfills donation of dumpsters and the actual dumping.

The Park Board minutes were read to Council.

The Water Board minutes were read to Council. Stelluto noted that a change should be noted in the minutes. She had presented a letter to the BOPA stating that she believed that extraterritorial water users should either have their rates dramatically raised or water usage terminated. Smith asked if she presented the letter as from Council or herself. Stelluto stated that she presented the letter as a private citizen, along with another private citizen also on Council. The Mayor stated that she had also stated to the BOPA that a fund needed to be started for Capital Improvements. During the Mayor's recent training she was informed that this would be prudent to assist in future repairs or expansion and would not but such a burden on the system or Village in the future.

Kostic addressed Council. Joe reported that at last Council meeting the topic of trucks was discussed. Chief Hager had information concerning placing "NO THROUGH TRUCKS" signs onto Village streets. The Village has the power to do so, but may only place the signs within the corporation limits of the Village. This would not really help the situation as once the trucks reach the corporation limits, there is no place for them to turn around. The situation should disappear when the detour on Rte. 800 is finally opened. Council agreed to take no action at this time. The Mayor stated that per statute, the Village should have a Public Safety Director which would have the power to handle such situations. Council did not see the need for this position at this time.

The Mayor reminded Council that the June meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 19th.

Smith made motion to adjourn, seconded by Freitag. Meeting adjourned 8:15PM>

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer