

NOVEMBER 19, 2007

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE
OF OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

Mayor Truax called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Mayor Truax 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, Mike Caudill, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Robert Smith, Kenneth Byrd and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Bob Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Wayne Wood and David Collier (East Sparta Fire Dept.).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. There were; 6 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 1 Felony Arrest and 8 Calls for Service.

Collier addressed Council. Collier stated that the Fire Dept. was seeking a grant to purchase a new off road vehicle to assist the Fire and Police Departments with brush fires, rescues, etc. The Fire Dept. was seeking a letter of support from the Council and the Police Department to attach to the grant application. Smith made motion to provide a letter of support, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Wood addressed Council. Wood asked Council what the millage was that would be placed on the March Ballot. Wood was informed that the levy would be a 1.25 mill levy. Wood asked Council if they could live on the same wages today that they received in 1980. Wood stated that even though he does not reside in the Village or pay taxes in the Village, he believes that the residents should approve a two mill levy. Wood was advised by Mayor Truax that the issue was a "done deal" and that the appropriate paperwork has already been filed to place a 1.25 mill levy on the March ballot which is very close to what the old levy was bringing in.

The Minutes of the October 15th meeting were read. Freitag made motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Minutes of the Special November 12th meeting were read. Freitag made motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Smith. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Clerk presented the Financial Reports to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Bank Reconciliation, Receipt Register, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, and Fund Status. Stelluto made motion to pay the bills totaling \$35,218.33, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Clerk reported to Council that he had inquiries concerning the Pike Township Fire Levies. Rice reported that Pike has three levies. A ½ mill levy replaced in 2003, a 1 mill levy renewed since 1982 and a ½ mill levy renewed since 1976.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. There was \$500.00 collected with \$120.00 going to State. Freitag made motion to

accept the report as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-13-07-10 2nd reading of Village pay ordinance.

O-14-07-11 1st reading of Police Contract.

Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski advised Council that per a request by the Mayor, he has searched the law concerning payment of Council Members for committee meetings. Per case law, the Village can pass an ordinance limiting payment for committee meetings due to Self Rule. Rice advised Council that the Village already has such an ordinance stating that Council Members are paid for Regular and Special Meetings ONLY. Cyperski also informed Council that he has placed a public records request of the Fire Department on behalf of the Council for Financial Records and Operating Budgets for the past several years. Cyperski expects the records shortly. Cyperski advised Council that in his opinion, Council should decline the CEDA with Pike Township for the annexation of the Park and the Bank. Cyperski stated that the Township tried to use the CEDA as a weapon to prohibit the annexation request by the Tile Plant at the meeting with the Commissioners and also does not feel that the Village benefits from this CEDA. Byrd made motion to decline acceptance of the CEDA, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that the committees need to meet at least once a year starting in 2008. Council agreed.

The Park Board minutes were presented to Council.

Kostic presented the Coordinators Report to Council. Kostic stated the Small dump truck needs tires at a cost of \$90.00 each. Stelluto made motion to purchase the tires, seconded by Smith. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Kostic stated he had researched the ISO rating process. By what he found on the internet, ISO does not count the age of emergency vehicles but the operation status of the vehicle. Also, our fire hydrants are all fine and have no bearing on the ISO rating. Also the rating is done every 10-15 years. The rating is based on 50% Fire Department, 40% Water Department and 10% department response time.

Byrd stated that he had found a street liner machine for \$500.00 which would do the Village streets but that it was in pieces and would take an enormous amount of work to assemble it. Stelluto will contact the schools to see if anyone wanted to undertake the assembly as a project. No further action taken.

The Water Board minutes were read.

Caudill made motion to adjourn, seconded by Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer