

**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 NOVEMBER 16, 2009.**

Meeting called 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 Charlene Stelluto, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Mark Marcoaldi and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Bob Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Barb Malavite (SVCP) and Karen Mundy (Press News).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For October there were; 4 Traffic Arrests, 1 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 2 Crash Reports, 2 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests and 3 Calls for Service.

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

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Receipt Register, Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status and Bank Reconciliation. Freitag made motion to pay the bills totaling \$29,613.07, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-1509-11 resolution approving transfer of funds within the General Fund. Stelluto made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Marcoaldi. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay motion carried.

R-16-09-11 resolution requesting Amended Certificate and Supplemental Appropriations in the amount of \$32,784.32. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Gray. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor asked if any information had been received from AEP regarding turning off street lights. Kostic stated that he has just received a fax regarding the information, but it did not make sense. The info stated that the Village would only save a small amount by turning off 37 of the 88 lights. Kostic has meeting set with AEP to further explain the info. Council tabled any decision about the lights until after Kostic's meeting with AEP.

Regarding the Police coverage for the balance of the year, Council agreed to continue as stated in October with shortened hours on the weekends and on an as needed basis during the week.

Regarding the Police Contract for 2010. Rice informed Council that the Village has received an inheritance tax disbursement of \$30,000.00 and would receive another disbursement on 2010 which could help fund the contract. Rice cautioned Council that even with these found funds; Council would still have to tighten their belts and try to cut expenses elsewhere.

**O-11-09-11 1<sup>st</sup> reading 2010 Police Contract.**

Rice informed Council that the 6.5 mill operating levy will expire in December 2010. Council needs to decide if the levy will be placed on the ballot as a renewal or replacement and which election the issue would be placed. If Council wishes to place the issue on the May ballot, they would have to make that decision by December as the filing deadline is February. Stelluto made motion to place the issue on the November ballot, seconded by

**Marcoaldi. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto then stated that Council should place a .75 mill Fire Levy on the May Ballot. Stelluto stated that she has promised the fire department that the levy would be placed before the voters. Rice stated that the operating levy should be placed on the ballot before any further fire levys as without the operating levy, the Village would be in financial hardship. Rice also informed Council that even if an additional fire levy was passed, the funds could not be given to the fire department as the funds are needed to repair fire hydrants and to pay for tax collection fees. Freitag stated that no time limit was ever promised to the fire department and she believes that the operating levy should be handled prior to any additional fire levys. Council seceded to table any further action on an additional fire levy until the operating levy is passed.**

**Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski stated that he had received another letter from Charles Hall requesting a joint meeting between Council and Pike Township. Stelluto made motion to set up meeting after the first of the year, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.**

**Malavite addressed Council. Malavite stated that the garage door had been replaced, one skimmer replaced, Kostic is repairing the trash can lids versus purchasing new and stated that the pool needs to purchase a commercial grade automatic pool cleaner. Kostic has estimate between \$2,200.00 and \$3,700.00. Freitag made motion to purchase the cleaner up to \$2,500.00, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.**

**Kostic addressed Council.**

- 1. Slat- Kostic stated that it is time for Council to decide on salt versus a mixture use for snow and ice control. Freitag made motion to leave the decision on usage to Kostic's discretion and to purchase the salt and mixture from Pike, seconded by Gray. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.**
- 2. F150 – hydraulic pump inop – electrical problem. Rice told Kostic to get estimate as repair could be paid out of Street Fund.**
- 3. Jerry is now on new schedule and will retire in April.**

**Stelluto stated that the Employee Handbook committee will meet with the Water Board prior to their next meeting.**

**The Mayo9r stated that she had received the Tri-Division and Fire Department run reports.**

**Kostic stated that the Boy Scouts did a fine job cleaning up the flower beds in the Village and at the Park.**

**The water board minutes were presented to Council. Stelluto made motion to adjourn, seconded by Freitag. Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk-Treasurer**