

JANUARY 21, 2008

**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, Michael Caudill, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray and Robert Smith. Absent were Kenneth Byrd and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Freitag made motion to accept the absences, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Karen Mundy (Press News0, Doug Baum (Pike Township Trustee), Dave Collier (E.S. Fire Dept.) and Chris Lehman (Park Board.)

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. There were 5 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 3 Crash Reports, 1 DUS, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 2 Felony Arrests, 5 Call for service1 Seat Belt.

Baum addressed the meeting. Baum inquired if the Council and the Trustees could have a meeting for the purpose of discussing a CEDA agreement.

The minutes of the December 17th meeting were read. Caudill made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the Special January 10th meeting were read. Caudill 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, Fund Status, Appropriation Status and Revenue Status. Freitag made motion to pay the bills totaling \$12,576.06, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Mayor Truax presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. There was \$246.00 collected with \$48.00 going to the State. Smith made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-2-08-1 Ordinance adopting 2008 Ohio Municipal Code. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, ordinance accepted.

O-3-08-1 Village Solicitor Contract. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, ordinance accepted.

O-4-08-1 appointment of Fire Safety Officer. Smith made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Smith made motion to accept appointment, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, Freitag abstained, ordinance passed.

O-6-08-1 Public Defender Contract. Freitag made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Freitag made motion to accept ordinance as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

O-7-08-1 Mowing contract 1st reading.

Baum stated that he might be able to get the mowing for the park donated. Baum was told that would be okay as long as the mowing could be guaranteed that it would be done. Council decided to go ahead with the mowing contract and see what the future holds.

Stelluto made motion to buy pads and battery for donated defibrillator at a cost of \$285.00, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Stelluto made motion to pay Court Clerks Dues at a cost of \$50.00, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Cyperski addressed sworn in Robert Easterday to the Water Board. Cyperski stated that he had received a brief from Atty. Hall concerning the annexation of the Tile Plant.

Lehman presented the Park Board minutes to Council.

The Water Board minutes were presented to Council.

Smith made motion to replace front tires on van, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Stelluto reported that the 2005 and 2006 audit was completed with a clean report.

Freitag made motion to send Caudill, Smith and Truax to a law seminar on Feb. 23rd at a cost of \$25.00 each, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Baum inquired again if Council would have a meeting to discuss the CEDA. Cyperski recommended that the meeting be held to finalize all discussions concerning annexation for once and for all. Smith agreed and stated that this is dragging out too long. Council agreed to hold a meeting on Feb. 1 at 7:00 PM to be held at the Municipal Building.

Smith made motion to adjourn, seconded by Freitag. Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer