

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON JULY 21, 2008.

Mayor Truax 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 Charlene Stelluto, Michael Caudill, Chris Freitag, Marlene Grey, Kenneth Byrd, David Naus and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Barb Malavite (Supervisor Sandy Valley Community Pool), Patricia Byrd, Wayne Morris and Karen Mundy (Press News).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For June there were; 4 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 2 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests and 5 Calls for Service. Hager reported that all vehicles have had their undercarriages sprayed to combat the liquid brine used during this past winter. The brine is causing the undercarriages to rust faster than normal. Hager reported that two youths were caught inside the pool area of the Community Park after hours. No damage was apparent. The youths were released into the custody of their parents with "Community Service" at the pool as punishment. Hager reported that the youths completed their service and did a good job.

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

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant Register, Fund Status, Bank Reconciliation, Revenue Status, Receipt Register and Appropriation Status. Stelluto made motion to pay the bills totaling \$48,298.73, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Clerk reported that there is no need for a Special Budget Meeting this year. The Clerk reported that the Budget Commission has passed an Alternative Budget process in Stark County this year. The Alternative Budget does not need advertised and can be passed at the regular August meeting.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. There was \$368.00 collected with \$78.00 going to the State. The Mayor stated that this will be the last Cash Report as Mayor's Court has been discontinued.

The Clerk reported to Council that as of July 17, 2008 the annexation of the United States Ceramic property is complete and finalized. The necessary papers have been filed with the Stark County Auditor, Stark County Recorder, Secretary of State, Ohio Department of Transportation, Magnolia Police Department, Stark County Sheriff, Pike Township Trustees and the Stark County Board of Elections. The Clerk reported that to file the document with the Stark County Recorder cost \$436.00 plus postage.

Byrd reported for the Zoning Committee. Byrd stated that an agreement had been reached in 1976 between the Village and the County for Plumbing and Electrical permits. Byrd stated that the Village could turn everything over to the County which would make things easier for the Village. The

drawback to this would be a substantial increase in fees charged which could result in a hardship by Village residents. To do this the Village would still have to bring our standards up to the new state regulations. Byrd has contacted Linda Zaleski of the Pike Township Zoning Board. Zaleski has been very helpful and has imparted quite a bit of information. Zaleski is willing to meet with the Zoning Committee to assist in updating our zoning policies. Council agreed that this would be a great idea. Byrd inquired if Council wants to approve the updates as they happen or wait until completed. Stelluto thought that waiting until done would be best. Byrd stated that he would like to have Council approve some ordinances that have been omitted from the current zoning book. Rice informed Council that no special action is needed. Those ordinances have not been repealed so they are still in effect. All that is needed is to attach the ordinances to the back of the books.

Kostic presented the Coordinator's Report to Council.

1. Kostic reported the status of a catch basin on McKinley St. A resident has been complaining that the basin needs replaced. Kostic reported that he just has not had time with everything else going on. Kostic reported that the basin is not damaged, just cosmetic improvement is needed. The basin has sunk slightly on one side and does not pose a hazard. Kostic reported that the basin is slated for removal and reinstallation possibly as soon as this week.
2. Kostic reported that the speed limit needs to be addressed on Chestnut/Sandyville Rd. and Ridge since the annexation is complete. Council discussed also the name of the road regarding Sandyville Rd. O-13-08-7 ordinance changing the name from Sandyville Rd. to Chestnut Ave SE to the Village limits and also setting the speed limit to 25MPH to coincide with the current Village speed limit. Stelluto made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Naus. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Naus made motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. O-14-08-7 ordinance setting speed limit on Ridge Rd, Caudill made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Caudill made motion to accept ordinance as presented setting the speed limit for Ridge Rd. as 50MPH within the Village limits, seconded by Naus. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
3. Kostic reported that he had received an estimate from Stewart's Tree Service for trimming the trees that are hanging into the right-of-way. The estimate to trim all trees and dispose of trimmings would be no more than \$2,400.00 from the Street Fund. Caudill made motion to approve the expenditure up to \$2,400.00, seconded by Naus. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.
4. Kostic reported that the police cruiser needs two new tires. Stelluto made motion to replace the tires, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Malavite presented the Park Board minutes to Council. Upon completion of the minutes Malavite asked Stelluto to present a Park Board application to Council. Stelluto asked Council to suspend three readings of resolution R-12-08-7, seconded by Naus. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto asked Council to approve resolution R-12-08-7 officially establishing the

name of the girl's softball field at the park as the "JACKIE TRUAX FIELD OF DREAMS", to thank the Mayor for all her efforts over the years to keep the pool open and to improve the park, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto presented the ordinance to the Mayor. The Mayor thanked Council and the Park Board after saying that she was embarrassed by the unexpected honor.

The Water Board minutes were presented to Council.

Stelluto reported that Mayor's Dues are due. Stelluto made motion to pay the dues totaling \$20.00, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto also stated that the Civic Association would like to thank everyone who helped with the fireworks and homecoming. The Mayor stated that she has received numerous comments concerning the fireworks and all were positive and stated what a great show it was.

Caudill made motion to adjourn seconded by Freitag. Meeting adjourned 8:00pm.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer