

**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 18, 2009.**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. 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, Marlene Gray, Kenneth Byrd, David Naus and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent were Council Members Michael Caudill and Chris Freitag. Stelluto made motion to accept the absences, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Valerie Nolen, Patricia Byrd and David Collier (Fire Dept)

Chris Freitag arrived at 7:08pm...

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For April there were; 3 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 0 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, 5 Calls for Service. Hager reported the old cruiser is being stripped of the police equipment to be ready for sale. Hager also stated that the new cruiser needs tires. Byrd made motion to purchase four tires up to a maximum of \$400.00, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Collier addressed Council. Collier stated that he was present to find exactly what reports and information Caudill wanted. Mayor Truax stated that the Council would like an official financial report not a typed and hand-written report. Collier stated that is how the department does their reports. Byrd stated that the Fire Dept has agreed to a meeting with representatives from Council on Tuesday May 19th at 6:45pm at the Fire Dept. Gray, Byrd and Truax will attend.

Valerie Nolen addressed Council. Nolen presented a letter from her sister Stephanie Matthews. The letter regarded the headstone for her son in the East Sparta Cemetery. The headstone has been moved and chipped as if something heavy like a mower has hit the stone. Mayor Truax assured Nolen that she would contact Jim Hohman about the situation and would contact Ms. Matthews as soon as possible.

The minutes from the April 20th meeting were read. Stelluto made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes from the May 7th Special meeting were read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, Naus abstained, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Warrant and Charge Register, Bank Reconciliation, Receipt Register, Revenue Status, Fund Status and Appropriation Status. Freitag made motion to pay the bills totaling \$53,313.93, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Cash Report to Council. There was \$30.00 received from Canton Municipal Court. Stelluto made motion to accept the report, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-8-09-5 bringing the question of a 3.0 mill replacement levy for operating expenses. Byrd made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Byrd. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski stated that he had received a letter from attorney Hall asking where the Pike Township tax payment was. Hall stated that the payment was late and needed to be sent. Cyperski referred the letter to Rice. Rice informed Cyperski that per the Stark County Auditor's office, the Village would not receive any tax funds from the annexed property until 2010. Cyperski sent letter to Hall informing of this fact.

Byrd stated that the zoning committee had met and presented Council with the minutes from the meeting. Byrd stated that Linda Zaleski from Pike Township Zoning attended the meeting to give support to the committee. Ms. Zaleski presented the Pike Township zoning policies to Byrd for comparison and to assist in updating the Village's policy. Byrd wanted to thank Ms. Zaleski for her participation and assistance. Byrd gave Council

copies to study prior to the next zoning meeting. The next meeting is set for June 3rd at 2:30pm.

The Mayor stated that she has received the deed for the school property but no survey. The Mayor was informed that a copy of the survey is not available, but the pins and markings are on the copy of the deed. The next meeting of the Committee for the school property will be May 27th at 7:00pm.

The Park Board minutes were presented. The Mayor informed Council that she believes the Park Board now consists of only one member. The Mayor would like Council to reorganize the Park Board. She would like to expand the board to include members from the other communities as well as East Sparta. This would spread the work and also bring fresh ideas to the park. Cyperski stated that the Village has the authority to reorganize the park and rewrite the by-laws. In the interim, the Council and the Park Committee will be running the park. Byrd stated that he had ordered the new pool covers for the park. He had obtained an estimate of \$625.00 which was lower than any other estimate. Byrd also stated that he had received an estimate from Jason Adolph for about \$2,200.00 for a new metal roof on the Cable shelter. Freitag made a motion to purchase the pool covers at a cost of \$625.00, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Naus made motion to have the Cable shelter roof replaced at a cost of \$2,200.00, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Byrd stated that a new table had been purchased for \$200.00 for the new ice cream machine. Byrd made motion to purchase the table, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Kostic stated that he would like to present five free passes to the workers from Pike Township and the Village that had worked to help get the park ready for opening. Byrd made motion to present the five passes, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that she had received a letter from the East Sparta Women's Club. The letter informed Council that the Town Pump is now listed on the National Registry and would like the Council to make a proclamation setting aside a day during the homecoming to spread the word of the monument listing. Freitag made motion to make said proclamation, seconded by Gray. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that she had received a letter from Waynesburg concerning the Christmas Parade. Council agreed that they would participate in the parade this year in Waynesburg.

Kostic addressed Council.

1. The paving has started. Two streets done with two more to be done and then completing the berms.
2. The Village has started mowing the school property. Currently the Village worker is cleaning the property of stones and debris so the mowing can be done. This will add 8 more hours a week to the mowing schedule.
3. The Village Workers have been working at the park along side Pike Township workers to get the park ready to open. The pool has been painted, filled and opened by Whitmer's.
4. Kostic stated that Council had requested Jerry Boston attend this meeting. He was unable to do so but informed Kostic that he would like to not have his hours cut until the end of this year.

The Water Board minutes were read to Council.

The Fire Department and ambulance run reports were presented to Council.

Byrd made motion to adjourn, seconded by Naus. Meeting adjourned 8:21pm.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer