

**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 17, 2008.**

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, Michael Caudill, Chris Freitag, Marlene Grey, David Naus and Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Absent was Council Member Kenneth Byrd. Freitag made motion to accept the absence of Byrd, seconded by Grey. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Visitors included; Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor), Karen Mundy (Press News) and Randy McNutt.

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For October there were; 10 Traffic Arrests, 1 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 0 Crash Reports, 3 Misdemeanor Arrests, 1 Felony Arrest, 9 Calls for Service and 0 Agency Assists. Chief Hager also reported that the police cruiser has a pin-hole leak in the heater core which will cost an estimated \$750.00 to repair. The Chief stated that the repair does not need to be made currently, but can wait until the leak worsens. Chief Hager stated that he had received a notice from ODOT about not placing temporary stop signs at intersections at times of power outages. Hager stated that it is a liability issue if the signs are not removed immediately when the power returns. Solicitor Cyperski informed Council that in his opinion, the signs should not be utilized. Stelluto made motion to stop the practice of placing temporary stop signs in intersections during power outages and directed Kostic to remove the temporary signs from the intersection of Westbrook and St. Rt. 800, seconded by Naus. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

McNutt addressed Council. McNutt stated that now the grade school is down he would like Council's permission to place an additional ball field on the property. McNutt was informed by the Mayor that a committee has been formed to make recommendations about the use of the property for the good of the entire Village. The Mayor offered to inform McNutt when the committee will meet so that he may share his ideas.

The minutes of the regular October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Freitag made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay Caudill Abstained, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Bank Reconciliation, Warrant Register, Charge Register, Receipt Register Appropriation Status, Fund Status and Revenue Status. Freitag made motion to pay the bills totaling \$31,787.42, seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. There was \$124.00 received from Canton Municipal Court. Stelluto made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 5 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Council Member Freitag left the meeting at 7:18pm.

O-17-08-10 Police Contract. Rice informed Council that the Police Contract totaled \$34,100.00 for police protection. 1st reading.

O-18-08-10 Village Pay Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

O-19-08-10 Village Solicitor contract 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

O-20-08-10 Village Tuscarawas County Prosecutor 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

O-21-08-10 Employee Handbook update 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

O-22-08-11 ordinance requesting an Amended Certificate and Supplemental Appropriations in the amount of \$56,252.63 reflecting funds received from a water loan and insurance settlement for storm damage. Stelluto made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Naus. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto made motion to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Grey. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-17-08-11 resolution approving transfer of funds within the Street Fund (2011) in the amount of \$2,000.00. Stelluto made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Grey. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Grey. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

R-18-08-11 resolution approving transfer of funds within the Water Fund (5101) in the amount of \$50,000.00, Stelluto made motion to suspend three readings, seconded by Caudill. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Stelluto made motion to accept the resolution as presented, seconded by Naus. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that she had received a letter from Tri-Division Ambulance via the Pike Township Trustees. The letter stated that Tri-Division will begin sending monthly reports to its public entities so that everyone can track the number of calls. Tri-Division states that the number of calls has dramatically increased from 2007 to 2008.

Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski stated that a group of Attorneys are going around to small cities and villages and initiating law suits over public records policies and retention schedules. Cyperski stated that the Village is ahead of the game with a valid public records policy and approved records retention schedule. Cyperski suggested that both should be placed on the web-site so that the public may access the policies. Cyperski also stated that the Records Commission should meet before the end of the year.

The Mayor stated that the zoning book needs to be amended. The book does not contain all the zoning ordinances. Cyperski stated that he will review the ordinances on a case by case instance, but if the ordinances need updating the entire book should be replaced after updating.

Kostic addressed Council.

1. The new road signs have been installed on Ridge and Chestnut for the annexation.
2. The snow removal equipment is now ready for the season. At this time Pike has plenty of salt, but if they run low, we will be forced to find salt elsewhere.
3. Kostic is working on the paving projects for 2009 and in the process of obtaining estimates.

The Park Board minutes were presented.

The Water Board minutes were presented.

Rice reported that the Christmas Parade will be Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Sandyville.

Caudill made motion to adjourn, seconded by Stelluto. Meeting adjourned 7:54pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer