

**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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2008.**

The regular start time of 7:00pm was moved to 5:00pm due to the lack of electric power from a severe wind storm.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. 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, Michael Caudill, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Kenneth Byrd and David Naus. Absent was Clerk-Treasurer Rice. Stelluto made motion to accept Rice's absence, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried. Visitors included Robert Easterday (BOPA), Joe Kostic (Village Coordinator), Barb Malavite (Park Supervisor), and Robert Cyperski (Village Solicitor).

Chief Hager presented the Police Report to Council. For August there were; 4 Traffic Arrests, 0 Juvenile Traffic, 0 DUI Arrests, 1 Crash Report, 2 Misdemeanor Arrests, 0 Felony Arrests, 7 Calls for Service and 9 Agency Assists.

Robert Easterday addressed Council. Easterday reported that the water is back up and running with the aid of an exterior generator. The pressure and flow is normal and no problems expected. There was some wind damage to the sand filter building from a fallen tree.

The minutes of the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Caudill, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The minutes of the September 2<sup>nd</sup> special meeting were read. Stelluto made motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Naus. Roll call 4 Yea, 0 Nay, Caudill and Freitag abstained, motion carried.

The Financial Reports were presented to Council. The reports included; Receipt Register, Appropriation Status, Fund Status, Revenue Status and Bank Reconciliation. The Warrant Register was unavailable due to power outage. Stelluto made motion to pay the bills that are coming due, seconded by Gray. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor presented the Mayor's Cash Report to Council. The report reflects the outstanding ticket balances remaining from Mayor's Court. There was \$266.00 collected. Stelluto made motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

The Mayor stated that first reading of the Police Contract was on the agenda but that a copy was not available due to Rice's absence. Chief Hager stated that the contract is the same as last years in rate and hours. Byrd stated that with the revenue crunch that the Village is experiencing was it possible to cut the rate or the hours? Chief Hager stated that the rate could not be cut but if Council wanted to reduce the hours, which was possible. Byrd suggested a 5% reduction in hours that would result in 90 fewer billable hours. Byrd also inquired if the Council could direct the Police Department as to the times they would like to have police exposure within the Village. Council tabled further action until next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Byrd stated that he had met with Charles Hall (Fire Department Attorney) to try and initiate meeting with the department. Hall informed Byrd that the department has informed him that they want \$14,000.00 for next year's contract with the Village. Byrd informed Hall that that was not possible with the shrinking budget. Byrd and Hall discussed the fire levy on November's ballot. Byrd stated that the department needs to assist the Village in passage of the levy, to which Hall agreed. Hall did inform Byrd that Chief Adams has stated that the department does not have any intentions of lending their support to pass the levy. Adams has also informed Hall that if the levy does pass, the department expects the entire amount collected. Hall stated that he informed Adams that the Village does have an obligation to maintain the hydrants from the tax levy so the department cannot collect the entire amount. After discussing the pertinent matters regarding the Department and the Village Hall stated that he would go back and talk to the Department about the upcoming levy and contract and try to initiate a meeting between the Village and the Department. Byrd stated that he felt it was a very positive

meeting and felt that he had “broken the ice” between the two participants. Cyperski will talk to Hall and find out where the situation stands now in regards to meeting.

Trick or Treat for the Village this year will be October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:00pm coinciding with Magnolia.

Boo in the Park will be October 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:30pm at the Sandy Valley Community Park.

The Fall Festival will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> as a rain date.

Kostic addressed Council. Kostic presented an estimate for patching several streets in conjunction with water leak repairs. The estimate from JD Mining was for \$4,235.00 with the water department paying \$1,500.00 and the Village paying the balance. Naus made motion to accept the estimate as presented, seconded by Freitag. Roll call 6 Yea, 0 Nay, motion carried.

Malavite presented the Park Board minutes to Council. Malavite reported there was some storm damage.

Cyperski addressed Council. Cyperski inquired if Council was going to advertise regarding the levies? Council suggested putting notice on the yellow signs hanging on our fence.

Caudill made motion to adjourn, seconded by Stelluto. Meeting adjourned 7:10pm.

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Mayor

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Clerk-Treasurer