

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2015

Held at Sparta Township Chambers, 160 East Division, Sparta MI

1. The meeting was called to order by President Kristi Dougan at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Council persons Kristi Dougan, Jayne Paasch, Bonnie Koehn, Gale Taylor, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy.
4. Additions or Corrections to Business and Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2015
5. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda
Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor, to approve Consent and Business Agenda.
Motion carried 6-0.
6. Public Comment for Agenda Items:
Please note: This Public Comment portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on agenda items.
7. Public Hearing - None
8. Old Business – None
9. New Business:
 - a. Interview Candidates for Vacant Council Seat
 - i. Robert Carlstrom
 - ii. David Chambliss
 - iii. Scott Christie
 - iv. Chad Fisk
 - v. Rose Frederick
 - vi. Paul Hibbard
 - vii. Robert Liscombe
 - viii. Hudson Miller
 - ix. Dwayne Pride

At 8:20 p.m. President Dougan asked if the council would be ok with a brief recess so members could use the restroom or get a drink. Everyone was in agreement.
The meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

The candidates were all asked the same 4 questions:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a Village of Sparta Council Member?
2. Please discuss your prior experience working with the civic, community or government organization.
3. What qualities do you think you can bring to the Sparta Village Council.
4. What do you view as the most important issue facing the Village of Sparta?

b. Discussion & Appointment to fill Vacant Council Seat

President Dougan solicited input from the council members on what they would like to see from the candidate that fills this vacant seat. Following that discussion President Dougan opened the floor for nominations.

Moved by Paasch to appoint Chad Fisk for the vacant council seat. No support MOTION FAILED.

Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Bill Taylor to appoint Dwayne Pride for the vacant council seat. Roll call vote to appoint Dwayne Pride for the vacant council seat. Whalen – no, Dougan – no, Koehn – no, Paasch – no, Bill Taylor – yes, Gale Taylor – yes. MOTION FAILED, 2-4.

Moved by Koehn, supported by Paasch to appoint Scott Christie for the vacant council seat. Roll call vote to appoint Scott Christie for the vacant council seat. Koehn – yes, Gale Taylor – yes, Paasch – yes, Bill Taylor – yes, Dougan – yes, Whalen – no. Motion carried, 5-1.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor to appoint Hudson Miller for the vacant council seat. Roll call vote to appoint Hudson Miller for the vacant council seat. Paasch – no, Koehn – no, Gale Taylor – no, Dougan – no, Bill Taylor – yes, Whalen - yes. MOTION FAILED, 2-4.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor to appoint David Chambliss for the vacant council set. Roll call vote to appoint David Chambliss for the vacant council seat. Gale Taylor – no, Koehn – no, Dougan – no, Paasch – no, Whalen – yes, Bill Taylor – yes. MOTION FAILED 2-4.

President Dougan thanked all that participated in the process and was very thankful that the council had so many candidates to consider for this appointment.

10. Communications – None.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Council Member Announcements - None

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 8:41 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk