

## VILLAGE OF SPARTA

### SPECIAL VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 4, 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 Scott Christie, Jayne Paasch, Bonnie Koehn, Gale Taylor, William Taylor, Robert Whalen, Kristi Dougan and Village Manager Julius Suchy.
4. Additions or Corrections to Business and Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2015
5. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Gale Taylor, to approve Consent and Business Agenda.  
Motion carried 7-0.
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. Utility Rate Presentation – Mike Engels, Michigan Rural Water

Mr. Engels shows us the Rate Analysis Results for our Water & Sewer. We are charging our residents as follows:

\$1.71 per 100 cubic feet for water commodity it is recommended that the village increase its rate to \$1.75

\$16.74 for water ready to serve water it is recommend that the village increase its rate to \$18.05

\$2.73 per 100 cubic feet for sewer commodity it is recommend that the village increase its rate to \$2.90

\$7.55 for sewer ready to serve sewer it is recommend that the village increase its rate to \$7.80

It would mean a monthly increase of \$2.90 for residents who have a 3/4 meter. If they have a larger meter the cost would increase depending on the size of the meter.

b. 2016 Village Council Goal Setting Discussion for Village Council and Staff.

The following topics were discussed:

- 1) Operational
- 2) Code Enforcement
- 3) Economics Development
- 4) Financial
- 5) Fire Department
- 6) Infrastructure
- 7) Recreation
- 8) Rodeo Grounds
- 9) Department of Public Works
- 10) Waste Water Treatment Plant
- 11) Village

The goal list will be condensed and e-mailed out to all council member for final voting.

10. Communications – None.

11. Public Comment – None.

12. Executive Session –

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor, to go into Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss strategy regarding negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement and discuss sale of real property. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Whalen supported by Christie, to return to the regular session at 10:08 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

13. Council Member Announcements - None

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 10:09 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan  
Sparta Village Clerk

