

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF JANUARY 12, 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 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: Council persons Paul Hibbard, Bonnie Koehn, Jayne Paasch, Gale Taylor, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy.

4. Additions or Corrections to Business and Consent Agenda: Add Item J to New Business:

 Polling of the residents on what they would like to see for the Sparta Rodeo Grounds Development.

 Consent Agenda:

- a. Accept Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2014
- b. File Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014
- c. File Sparta Recreation Authority Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2014
- d. File Fire Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2014
- e. Resolution 15-01 Schedule of 2015 Regular Business Meetings of the Village of Sparta.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda

 Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to approve Consent and Business Agendas. 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. a

7. Public Hearing:

- a. 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Fund Allocation:
 The hearing opened at 7:04 p.m. and closed at 7:06 p.m.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

- a. Presentation #1 Colliers International – Rodeo Grounds Property 7:15-7:45 p.m.
- b. Presentation #2 NAI Wisinski of West Michigan – Rodeo Grounds Property 7:45-8:15 p.m.

c. Resolution 15-02: A Resolution Allocating Kent County Community Development Grant Funds For Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The amount allocated was: Senior Neighbors, Inc. - 12,500.00 and Arbor Circle 4,000.00 for a total of 16,500.00. The Village will carry over the remaining balance to a potential project next year.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Koehn, to adopt Resolution 15-02.

Motion carried 7-0.

d. S. Union Street Closure. The Council authorized Village Manager to draft an agreement with Village Attorney for S. Union Encasement Project. They will also schedule a Public Hearing for February 9, 2015 to finalize agreement and S. Union vacation resolution.

e. Request from Muskegon County for additional staff member for eight weeks a cost not to exceed \$7,040.07.

Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by William Taylor, to approve request from Muskegon County for a temporary lab employee at a cost not to exceed \$7,040.70.

Motion carried 7-0.

f. REGIS Refund Repayment Plan.

Moved by William Taylor, supported by Gale Taylor, to authorize Village Manager to accept 5 year refund option from REGIS. Motion carried 7-0.

h. Establishment of Policy Ad Hoc Committee. President Dougan wanted a committee to review different council policies and potential village policies and would like to have two volunteers. Jayne Paasch and Bonnie Koehn volunteered to be on her committee.

i. Schedule Goal Setting Work session. The Work Session will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall West.

j. Polling of residents on what they would like to see for the Sparta Rodeo Grounds Development. President Dougan said she will be going to a training workshop on Community Engagement on February 12, 2015 and would like to bring back what she learned as how to engage the residents.

10. Committee Reports: None

11. Village Managers Report: None

12. Communications:

a. DDA Director 2014 Annual Report to Downtown Development Authority

b. 2014 Planning Commission Annual Report

13. Payment of Bills:

Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.

Moved by Koehn, supported by Paasch, to approve Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers. Motion carried 7-0.

14. Public Comment:

Don Bradford of 212 Blossom commented on the Development of Rodeo Grounds.

John Bitely of Sable Homes from Rockford commented on Sparta needs more industrial businesses.

15. Executive Session:
i. None

16. Council Member Announcements: None

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 9:21 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk