

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF OCTOBER 13, 2014

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

1.2. The meeting was called to order by President Leonard R. Meyer II at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call: Council persons Kristi Dougan, Paul Hibbard, Bonnie Koehn, Gary Moody, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy.

4. Additions or corrections to Business and Consent Agendas: None.

Consent Agenda:

I. Accept Village Council Regular Business Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014

II. File Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2014

III. File Sparta Recreational Authority Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2014

IV. File Sparta Recreational Authority Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2014

V. File Sparta Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2014

5. Approval of Consent AND Business Agendas:

Moved by Moody, supported by Hibbard, to approve Consent and Business Agendas.
Motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers:

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

7. Public Comment for Agenda Items: None.

8. Public Hearing: None.

9. Unfinished Business: None.

10. New Business:

A. Authorize Village Manager to Implement Health Insurance Changes to comply with New Health Care Requirements.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to authorize Village Manager to sign and execute all documents necessary to change new health care requirements and add dental and vision plans. Motion carried 7-0.

B. 195 Washington Street (Ambulance Building) Zoning Issue.

This property is surrounded by R-2 zoning and re-zoning the property would result in spot zoning which is not recommended. The property does not meet the requirements of a non-conforming uses and therefore does not qualify under that designation to continue as a commercial property. Based on this change in potential use it is likely the best interest of the village to utilize this building as storage and pull the listing from the market. The Council at this time authorize the Village Manager to pull 195 Washington Street real estate listing and utilize as storage building.

C. Authorize Village Manager to hire Douglas Kadzban as DPW Supervisor.

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Dougan, authorize Village Manager to hire Douglas Kadzban as DPW Supervisor. Motion carried 7-0.

D. Approve recommendation from Airport Committee to award Tree/Obstruction Removal bid to Tree Works for an amount not to exceed \$17,255.00.

Moved by Moody, supported by Taylor, to award Tree/Obstruction Removal bid to Tree Works for an amount not to exceed \$17,255.00. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Approve recommendation from Airport Committee to authorize Village Manager to hire Lori Layne as airport manager.

Moved by Dougan, supported by Moody, to authorize Village Manager to hire Lori Layne as airport manager. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Approve recommendation from Airport Committee to select RS&H as Airport Consultants.

Moved by Dougan, supported by Hibbard, to select RS&H as Airport Consultants. Motion carried 7-0.

G. SRA Water Issue & Potential Ordinance Revision.

Moved by Moody, supported by Whalen, to have Mr. Lane (Village Attorney) draft an exemption to the water ordinance for the council to review to allow for irrigation wells on the SRA property.

H. Rodeo Grounds Property Discussion.

Village Manager has been asked to sign a confidentiality agreement to protect interested party interests and not reveal information unless necessary. Village Manager spoke with Mr. Lane regarding this and he had indicated he didn't see any issue with it. It doesn't mean we are selling the property to this party, it only means that Village Manager wouldn't reveal the nature of their plans or details. Village Manager has been working with Ken Lane to file a motion to vacate the final order requiring the Village to install sanitary sewer. This is being done so that the village is not installing and has no plans to install sanitary on site without the developer participating in the cost. The council would like a real estate broker to give presentation on listing the property with their companies.

11. Committee Reports (attached):
 - A. Finance Committee: None
 - B. Policy & Personnel Committee: None
 - I. Public Facilities & Recreation Committee: None
 - III. Airport Committee: The Council thanked Mr. Roberts for a job well done at the Airport.
 - III. Public Safety Committee: None
 - III. Fire Board Committee: None

12. Departments Reports:
 - a. Manager's Report (attached):
 - b. Police Chief's Report (attached):
 - c. Airport Manager's Report (attached):
 - d. Muskegon County Wastewater Treatment Plant Report - September (attached):

13. Communications:
 - a. Sparta Fire Department Thank You Letter for helping them purchase a Gator.

14. Public Comment:
 - A. Dwayne Pride at 466 Atkinson Street wanted to thank everyone who came to the council meeting.
 - B. Tom Antor wanted to comment on what a good job Sparta is doing with SARA.

15. Executive Session:

Moved by Moody, supported by Dougan to go into Executive Session at 8:21 pm to discuss sale of property and written legal opinion.
Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.
Moved by Moody, supported by Hibbard, to return to the regular session 8:58 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

16. Announcements: The Village met with the school regarding the water hammer issue at Ridgeview and what could be done to correct this issue. The Village is having Brian Vilmont take a look and determine what cone be done to isolate the problem and to determine what the issue is and who is responsible.

17. Adjournment:

Moved by Dougan, supported by Hibbard, to adjourn at 9:01pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk

