

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF DECEMBER 8, 2014

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Krtisi 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 I to New Business: Appointing Bonnie Koehn as the Village Council President Pro-Tem.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Accept Village Council Special Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2014
- b. File Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of November 11, 2014
- c. File Sparta Recreation Authority Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2014

5. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Gale Taylor, to approve Consent and Business Agendas as amended. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Public Comment for Agenda Items: None

Please note: This Public Comment portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on agenda items.

7. Public Hearing:

- a. FY 2015 Budget, Millage Rate & 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan:
The hearing opened at 7:04 pm and closed at 7:05 pm.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business

a. Resolution 14-21: A Resolution Amending the FY 2014 Budget for 4th Quarter Amendments.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Gale Taylor, to adopt Resolution 12-21. Motion carried 7-0.

b. Resolution 14-22: A Resolution Adopting the FY 2015 Budget, Millage Rate to be levied and the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan (2015 Budget Document Enclosed).

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to adopt

Resolution 14-22. Motion carried 6-1 with Gale Taylor providing the negative vote.

- c. Resolution 14-23: A Resolution Establishing Sewer User Charges (Ready to Serve). Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by William Taylor, to adopt Resolution 14-23. Motion carried 7-0.
 - d. Resolution 14-24: A Resolution Establishing Water User Charges (Ready to Serve). Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Paasch, to adopt Resolution 14-24. Motion carried 7-0.
 - e. Resolution 14-25: A Resolution Appointing Sharon J. DeLange as the Village Treasurer Moved by Whalen, supported by Koehn, to adopt Resolution 14-25. Motion carried 7-0.
 - f. Resolution 14-26: A Resolution Appointing Pam Buchanan as the Village Clerk. Moved by William Taylor, supported by Hibbard, to adopt Resolution 14-26. Motion carried 7-0.
 - g. Distribute Fire Contract and Revenue/Expenditure Report. The Sparta Township and Village of Sparta Joint Fire Protection Agreement (Resolution 06-09) was discussed. Several councilmember feel that the Village taxpayers are paying twice for the Fire Department, with village taxes and township taxes. The Council has asked the Village Manager to review what other villages pay regarding Fire Protection and the formula used to determine funding and report back to them at the January council meeting.
 - h. Board & Committee Appointments. Village President went over her appointments. Finance Director DeLange had asked who would be put on the signature cards for signing checks. On signature cards the names will be Julius Suchy, Sharon DeLange and Kristi Dougan. Kristi indicated she would pick one more person and let staff know.
 - i. Appointment of Bonnie Koehn as the Village Council President Pro Tem. Moved by Whalen, supported by Paasch to appoint Bonnie Koehn as Village Council President Pro Tem. Motion carried 7-0.
10. Committee Reports: None
11. Village Managers Report:
Village Manager met with representatives from the Kent County Land Bank and an interested developer on plans to proceed with development of Bedford Falls Phase 1 in the spring of 2015.
12. Communications:
 - a. Letter to DDA from Sparta Variety
13. Payment of Bills:
Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.
Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Hibbard to approve Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers. Motion carried 7-0.

14. Public Comment:

Dwayne Pride of 466 Atkinson wanted to welcome the new members to the council.

15. Executive Session:

- i. None

16. Council Member Announcements:

SARA will be holding a Cabinet Meeting at the Sparta Civic Center on Wednesday, December 17th at 4:00 pm.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 8:00 pm by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk