

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF APRIL 11, 2016

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

- 1-2. The meeting was called to order by President Kristi Dougan at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Council persons William Taylor, Robert Whalen, Scott Christie, Bonnie Koehn, Jayne Paasch, Gale Taylor, Kristi Dougan and Village Manager Julius Suchy.
4. Additions or corrections to Business and Consent Agendas: Add to New Business: Item e. School Board Proposal Presentation – Gordie Nickels, Superintendent. Correction to New Business: Item d. Consideration of Construction Engineering Services Proposal from Prein & Newhof for S. Union St. Project for an amount not to exceed \$36,300. Correction to March 14, 2016 Minutes, New Business Item d should be Step One (1) Preliminary Plat Review for Country Meadows #6. Moved by Whalen, supported by Koehn for approval of Step 1 Preliminary Plat Review for Country Meadows # 6 Plat, dated March 8, 2016 by Village Council. Motion carried 5-0-1 with William Taylor abstain.
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2016
 - b. Accept Fire Board Minutes of March 24, 2016
 - c. Accept Sparta Recreation Authority Minutes of March 3, 2016
 - d. Accept Downtown Development Authority Minutes of March 8, 201
 - e. Town & Country Days Fireworks Permit Approval for July 16, 2016 with July 17, held for the inclement weather date
 - f. Executive Order 16-01 Thursday Street Festival Road Closure
 - g. Executive Order 16-02 Sparta Town & Country Days Parade
 - h. Executive Order 16-03 Celtic Festival Road Closure
 - i. Executive Order 16-04 Michigan Apple Fest Road Closure
5. Approval of Consent AND Business Agendas:
Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Paasch, to approve Business and Consent Agendas with corrections. 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. Resolution 16-07: A resolution to appoint Vic Johnston as Interim Airport Manager
Moved by Whalen, supported by William Taylor to adopt Resolution 16-07.
Motion carried 7-0.

b. Step Two (2) Preliminary Plat Review for Country Meadows #6, 7 & 8.
Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Koehn to approval of Step 2 Preliminary Plat
Review for Country Meadows #6, 7 & 8, dated March 22, 2016 contingent upon Village
Manager receiving additional authority approvals. Motion carried 6-0-1 with William
Taylor abstain.

c. Consideration of Construction Engineering Services Proposal from Prein & Newhof for
Anderson St. Project for an amount not to exceed \$54,300.
Moved by Whalen, supported by William Taylor for consideration of Construction
Engineering Services Proposal from Prein & Newhof for Anderson St. Project for an
amount not to exceed \$54,300. Motion carried 7-0.

d. Consideration of Construction Engineering Services Proposal from Prein & Newhof
for S. Union St. Project for an amount not to exceed \$36,300.
Moved by Koehn, supported by Whalen for consideration of Construction Engineering
Services Proposal from Prein & Newhof for S. Union St. Project for an amount not to
exceed \$36,300. Motion carried 7-0.

e. School Board Proposal Presentation – Gordie Nickels, Superintendent.
Mr. Nickels gave a presentation on the upcoming bond proposal.

f. Consideration of Digester #4 Valve Replacement for an amount not to exceed
\$11,563.00.
Moved by William Taylor, supported by Gale Taylor for consideration of Digester #4
Valve Replacement for an amount not to exceed \$11,563.00. Motion carried 7-0.

g. Recommendation from Personnel/Public Safety Committee regarding Village
Manager Two Year Review and Five Year Contract Extension.
Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor to accept the recommendation from the
Personnel/Public Safety Committee to increase severance pay to 6 months, increase
phone allowance to \$125 per month, increase salary to \$89,000 for the next two years
(2016-2017 & 2017-2018) and include a \$10,000 bonus to be paid at the end of five
years (June 23, 2021). Motion carried 7-0.

10. Committee Reports:

11. Village Manager Report:
12. Communications:
 - a. Infrastructure Alternatives – Influent Pump Station Inspection and Repair Report
 - b. Infrastructure Alternatives – Treatment Plant Rain Event Operational Assessment
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: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Council Member Announcements: Village and Township Clean Up Days will be held April 21 thru 23, 2016. A sign-up sheet was available to anyone who would like to work at it. President Dougan had asked if brush and leaf pick up fliers could be handed out at clean up. President Dougan had presented Bonnie Koehn with an appreciation plaque for serving on the Council. Bonnie announced at the March meeting that this would be her last Village Council meeting as she was resigning due to moving outside of the Village.
17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 8:09 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk

