

## VILLAGE OF SPARTA

### COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015

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 to the Flag.
3. Roll Call: Council persons Scott Christie, Kristi Dougan, Bonnie Koehn, Jayne Paasch, Gale Taylor, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy.
4. Additions or corrections to Business and Consent Agendas: Add to New Business: Item H. Sale Agency Agreement to list Rodeo Ground Property with NAI Wisinski of West Michigan for \$800,000, Item I. Sparta WWTP Primary Clarifier; Sludge Valve for a cost not to exceed \$16,100.  
Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Special Village Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015
  - b. Accept Downtown Development Authority Minutes of October 13, 2015
  - c. Accept Regular Planning Commission Minutes of November 2, 2015
  - d. Accept Fire Board Minutes of October 7, 2015
  - e. Resolution #12-14 – An amended resolution approving the application of Specialty Gage Inc. for an industrial facilities exemption certificate.
  - f. Appointment of Scott Christie to Airport Committee
5. Approval of Consent AND Business Agendas:  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Gale Taylor, to approve Consent and Business Agendas. Motion carried 6-1 with Paasch providing the negative vote.
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:
  - a. Ordinance #15-02 an ordinance to amend the Sparta Village Code of Ordinances to regulate the size and materials allowed when constructing an accessory structure within residential and commercial yards in the Village.  
The hearing opened at 7:03 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m. No Public comment was made.
  - b. Ordinance #15-03 an ordinance to amend the Sparta Village Code of Ordinances to regulate the parking of vehicles within residential and commercial yards in the Village.  
The hearing opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:14 p.m. Manager Suchy provided a clarification regarding the intent of the ordinance and how it would deal with existing parking areas that are not up to Village specifications following a question by a council member. Suchy indicated that the Police Department will use discretion same as they do currently in enforcing the ordinance and there will be a long period of rolling this out

and proving warnings before anyone is ticket under the change. No Public comment was made.

c. Ordinance #15-04 an ordinance to amend the Sparta Village Code of Ordinances to regulate the maximum lot coverage allowed in the Light Industrial zoning district in the Village.

The hearing opened at 7:14 p.m. and closed at 7:15 p.m. No Public comment was made.

8. Old Business:

a. Winter Sledding Hill at Rodeo Grounds

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor to move forward with sledding hill at Rodeo Ground Property. Motion carried 6-1 with Koehn providing the negative vote.

9. New Business:

a. Ordinance #15-02 an ordinance to amend the Sparta Village Code of Ordinances to regulate the size and materials allowed when constructing an accessory structure within residential and commercial yards in the Village. Councilmember Whalen would like a correction to be made at 21 ft. for max height not 18 ft. on Section 82-174 (R-1), Section 82-194 (R-2), Section 82-214 (R-3) and Section 82-234 (R-4).

Moved by Bill Taylor, supported by Paasch to adopt Ordinance O-15-02 as corrected. Motion carried 7-0 with correction being made.

b. Ordinance #15-03 an ordinance to amend the Sparta Village Code of Ordinances to regulate the parking of vehicles within residential and commercial yards in the Village. Moved by Paasch, supported by Christie to adopt Ordinance O-15-03.

Motion carried 7-0.

c. Ordinance #15-04 an ordinance to amend the Sparta Village Code of Ordinances to regulate the maximum lot coverage allowed in the Light Industrial zoning district in the Village.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor, to adopt Ordinance O-15-04.

Motion carried 7-0.

d. Resolution #15-16 – A resolution approving a tentative agreement between the Village of Sparta and the POAM bargaining unit for a period of three years and authorizing execution of the CBA with those terms.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Gale Taylor, to adopt Resolution 15-16.

Motion carried 7-0.

e. Temporary Snow Removal and Maintenance Agreement between Village of Sparta and Celia Corporation. Moved by Bill Taylor, supported by Whalen to Approve Temporary Snow Removal and Maintenance Agreement between Village of Sparta and Celia Corporation. Motion carried 7-0.

f. Schedule Special Council Meeting to review draft FY 2016 proposed budget & Capital Improvement Plan.

There will be a special meeting held Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss proposed FY 2016 budget & Capital improvement plan.

g. Village Council Appointment to SRA Board.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Paasch to appoint Scott Christie to SRA Board.

Motion carried 7-0.

h. Approve Sale Agency Agreement to List Rodeo Ground Property with NSI Wisinski of West Michigan for \$800,000.

Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Paasch to Approve Sale Agency Agreement to List Rodeo Ground Property with NSI Wisinski of West Michigan for \$800,000.

Motion carried 7-0.

i. Approve Proposal for Sludge Valve Enclosure Rehab Proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives for a cost not to exceed \$16,100.

Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor to approve proposal for Sludge Valve Enclosure Rehab Proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives for a cost not to exceed

\$16,100. Motion carried 7-0.

10. Committee Reports:

11. Village Manager Report:

Councilmembers Paasch and Gale Taylor had a meeting with Village Manager Suchy on the possibility of moving train depot and Meyers School into the Village. This will be added to the potential goal list for voting.

Councilmember Paasch would like to add reviewing adding a Sargent to the Police Department to the goal list.

12. Communications: None.

13. Payment of Bills:

Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.

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

14. Public Comment: None.

15. Executive Session:

Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor, to go into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss strategy regarding negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement and discuss sale of real estate property. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor, to return to the regular session 8:25 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0.

16. Council Member Announcements:

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 8:26 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan  
Sparta Village Clerk

