

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2014
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.
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:
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Accept Village Council Regular Business Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2014.
5. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda:
Moved by Hibbard, supported by Koehn, to approve Consent and Business Agenda. 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: None.
8. Old Business:
 - a. FY 2015 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan Review:
The 2015 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan was presented to the Council. Council discussed minor changes to the budget including an administration fee that would be charged to utility funds instead of splitting the managers and other staff time not currently being billed to utility funds. The Council would like the budget to be presented at the December 8, 2014 Village Council Meeting for approval with the changes discussed.

Council took a 5 minute recess.
9. New Business:
 - a. Village Manager Contract Discussion:
The Council performed a 6 month evaluation of Village Manager Suchy as required in his contract. The Council cited the professionalism from the Village Manager as well as the communication both written and verbal with staff, council and the public as huge assets. The Council was in agreement the Village Manager's performance was excellent and would like to increase his salary to \$75,000.00 per year which was originally requested by Mr. Suchy when he

was hired with an additional 5 vacation days. The Council be keeping his severance at 3 months not 6 months as was requested.

Motion to approve Village Manager Suchy salary increase to \$75,000.00 per year with an additional 5 vacation days for a total of 20 days per year.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard increase salary to \$75,000.00 with an additional 5 vacation days. Motion carried 7-0.

b. New Agenda format discussion:

The changes that will be made under the new agenda format are as follows:

1. Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers will be replaced with Payments of Bills
2. Unfinished Business will be replaced with Old Business
3. Departments Reports will be under Communications

10. Committee Reports – None

11. Village Manager Report – None

12. Communications – None

13. Payment of Bills – None

14. Public Comment: None

15. Executive Session: None

16. Council Member Announcements:

The POW/MIA flags at Lamoreaux Park needs to be replaced.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 10:25 pm by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk