

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
Kent County, Michigan
Special Village Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 5:00 PM
75 N. Union St. (Sparta Civic Center)

Present: Village President Robert Whalen, Council Members Brenda Braybrook, Robert Carlstrom, Dave Cumings, Courtney Mais, Tom Peoples, and Bill Taylor.

Also present: Ada Township Manager Julius Suchy and Village Clerk Katy Shelton.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call:

Formal roll call was taken. Those in attendance/absent are noted above.

4. New Business:

This special meeting was held in order to have in person interviews with candidates for the permanent Village Manager position.

- a. Candidate Blaine Wing was the first interviewee.** He gave a brief biography and then responded to questions posed by Council President Whalen. After those questions, various council members also questioned Mr Wing. At the conclusion of those questions, Mr Wing was able to question and address the Council. He then left the meeting.
- b. Candidate James Lower was the second interviewee.** He gave a brief biography and then responded to questions posed by Council President Whalen. At the conclusion of those questions, various council members also questioned Mr Lower. At the conclusion of those questions, Mr Lower was able to question and address the Council. He then left the meeting.
- c.** After both candidates had spoken, Mr Suchy, who is spearheading the search for the new Village Manager, and the Council then discussed the two candidates.

5. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by President Robert Whalen at 8:00.

Submitted by Katy Shelton, Village Clerk