

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
Kent County, Michigan
Village Council Meeting
Monday July 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM
75 N. Union St. (Sparta Civic Center)

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

Also present: Police Sgt Dave Price, Airport Manager Mike Krzciok, Village Manager Jim Lower, and Village Clerk Katy Shelton.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7pm.
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. **Additions or Corrections to Consent and Business Agenda**
Remove item B on the Consent Agenda due to the Planning Commission not yet approving the minutes.
Add item E under New Business: Tahoe vehicle quote.
 - a. Approve Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023
 - b. Approve Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023
 - c. Approve DDA Minutes of June 13, 2023
 - d. Approve Fire Board Minutes of June 22, 2023
 - e. Approve Appointment of Daniel Scarffe to the DDA Board
5. **Approval of Consent and Business Agenda**
Motion by Carlstrom with a second by Mais to approve with those additions/deletions. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Public Comment for Agenda Item**
Please Note: This Public Comment portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on agenda items. Personal or abusive attacks on Council members, staff members, or other participants will not be tolerated and may result in the Village President taking action, up to and including, having the speaker removed from the meeting by law enforcement officers.
A. None.
7. **Public Hearing**
 - a. Ord. 23-06 An ordinance to amend article VIII "Mobile Food Vending Units."
There was no public comment.
Public hearing closed at 7:03pm.
8. **Old Business:**
A. None.
9. **New Business:**

- a. **Ord. 23-06 An ordinance to amend article VIII “Mobile Food Vending Units.”:** This ordinance has been extensively discussed at previous Council meetings. It was noted that current food truck permits will be allowed to run until their expiration date. Motion by Mais with a second by Cumins. Motion passed 6:1 with Council member Braybrook dissenting.
- b. **Res. 23-12 A resolution to approve amendment No. 41 to the GVMC article of incorporation:** This resolution will allow the city of Hastings to resign from the GVMC which is a group of local governments. Motion by Braybrook with a second by Mais to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Res. 23-13: A resolution to adopt MERS Healthcare Savings Program Uniform Resolution:** The Village Manager and the Finance Manager have been working on this extensively. This resolution is fundamentally just a formality to move forward. Motion by Carlstrom with a second by Cumings to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Crack Sealing Quote:** The consensus of the Council was to table this issue and take no action due to questions about the quote. This issue will be revisited at the special meeting later this month.
- e. **2019 Chevy Tahoe:** Sgt Price explained this issue. The transmission needs to be replaced on this vehicle. Sparta Tire had the best bid last year when they worked on the 2020 Tahoe. President Whalen asked if the police vehicles were regularly serviced. Sgt Price said yes. Motion by Braybrook with a second by Cumings to approve the payment of \$6278.38 to Sparta Tire to complete this repair. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Village Manager & Department Reports: The Village Manager said he had nothing further to report other than what was included in his weekly update. He did say that the pond dredging went well, and that the Village DPW provided excellent oversight of the project. The Village Manager also stated that there was a recent court hearing over a sewer discharge which we won. The Village now needs to collect the \$7402.00 which it was awarded in damages.

Airport Manager Mike Krzciok said that phase 3 of the airport expansion has been completed. MDOT was scheduled to come out soon to inspect the AWAS system. He said that the project as a whole was coming along well.

11. Communications:

- a. None.

12. Payment of Bills

June Payables

PAYABLES	
(101) General Fund	\$72,410.14
(202) Major Street Fund	\$3,204.41
(203) Local Street Fund	\$112,948.56
(581) Airport	\$41,069.03
(590) Sewer Department Fund	\$41,582.76
(591) Water Department Fund	\$28,571.42

(661) Equipment Rental Fund	\$3,621.67
Total	\$303,407.99

Informational:

(206) Fire Department	\$22,973.95
(208) SRA Park Fund	\$7,114.51
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$2,378.52
Total	\$32,466.98

Motion by Carlstrom with a second by Braybrook to approve the payment of payment of bills in the amount of \$303,407.99. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Public Comment: Rob Steffins, 4344 13 Mile, Sparta, discussed the recent joint Village/Township meeting regarding future land use plans. He stressed that it's important to protect the AG-1 zones especially around the M37 corridor. He said that while residential housing might initially add to the tax base, the Village would also need to provide services such as police, fire, etc. He said that commercial/industrial/farmland zones subsidize the residential zones.

14. Council Member Announcements: None.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Whalen at 6:48pm.

Submitted by Katy Shelton, Village Clerk.