

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF JUNE 8, 2015

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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: President Kristi Dougan, Council persons Paul Hibbard, Bonnie Koehn, Jayne Paasch, Gale Taylor, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy.
3. Additions or Corrections to Business and Consent Agenda: None.
Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Regular Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015;
 - b. Accept Regular Downtown Development Authority Minutes of May 12, 2015;
 - c. Accept Regular Sparta Recreation Authority Minutes of May 7, 2015;
 - d. Accept Special Planning Commission Minutes of May 18, 2015;
 - e. Accept Regular Planning Commission Minutes of June 1, 2015;
 - f. Accept Regular Fire Board Minutes of May 21, 2015;
 - g. Town & Country Days Fireworks Permit Approval for July 18, 2015;
 - h. Amended Resolution #14-16 – Cascade Die IFT Certificate.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda
Moved by Whalen, supported by Gale Taylor, to approve Consent and Business Agendas. Motion carried 7-0.
5. Public Comment for Agenda Items: None.
6. Public Hearing: None.
7. Old Business: None.
8. New Business
 - a. Grand Valley Metro Council Discussion. John Weiss, Executive Director of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council discussed the benefits of re-joining the GVMC.
Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard to authorize the Village Manager to take steps necessary to have the Village of Sparta rejoin the Grand Valley Metro Council. Motion carried 7-0.

b. LuRu Lane Replacement Project. The homeowners have scheduled Center Pointe Concrete from Marne to do this project, and the contractor provided an estimate for the Village portion in the amount of \$10,304. It is recommended that the construction amount and contingency amount be approved for a total of \$12,400 (\$10,304 construction plus \$1,700 contingency = \$12,400).

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard to approve LuRu Lane/Terrace Drive Improvement not to exceed \$12,400. Motion carried 7-0.

c. Award Anderson Street Televising Bid to Plummers for an amount not to exceed \$8,239. The Council would like to have all of Anderson Street televised to Nelson St. Adding the portion from W. Gardner to Orchard will add an additional cost of \$6,491. Village staff will receive a price from Plummers on adding the section from Orchard to Nelson. Total amount of bid for work from W. Division to Orchard is \$14,730.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Koehn to award Anderson Street Televising Bid to Plummers for an amount not to exceed \$14,730. Motion carried 7-0.

d. Motion to approve Village of Sparta FOIA Policy, Procedures & Guidelines.

Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor to approve Village of Sparta FOIA Policy, Procedures & Guidelines. Motion carried 7-0.

e. 2015 Master Plan Survey to be distributed by Planning Commission.

Village Manager discussed with Council on how the survey will be distributed throughout the community and speak to any group or organization. They will have copies available in village office, library, booth will be set up at concerts in the park, Thursday night street fair, Sparta Today June 17 issue, and MLive.

f. Recommendation from Personnel/Public Safety Committee re: Village Managers Annual Review & Contract.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard on the recommendation from Personnel/Public Safety Committee re: Village Managers Annual Review & Contract to increase his salary to \$79,000.00 and increase in severance pay from 3 months to 4 months. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Committee Reports: The Fire Board Committee audit will not be held on June 18th they will suggest to the board it be changed to Thursday, July 23rd.

10. Village Managers Report: On Wednesday, June 10 the home at 148 Centennial Street is schedule to be torn down. We will be notifying surrounding homeowners.

Bedford Falls the land bank has sold two lots and as part of the sale they required that the purchaser pull permits by June 23rd. The Village has not received any permits yet, but anticipates them in the next few weeks.

11. Communications:

12. Payment of Bills:

Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.

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

13. Public Comment:

A. Ken Willison at 161 Ida Red Street was concerned with Ida Red Apartments. His back yard borders the eastern side of Ida Red Apartments property; the side with the rainwater detention

pond and the berm topped by a row of evergreen trees. The trees were designed to hide both parking lots and the apartment building. The trees are slowly dying and he would like the Village to help him with this concern.

B. Dwayne Pride of 466 Atkinson Street would like the road patched at Maizie Lane and Atkinson Street.

14. Executive Session:

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard to go into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. For Sale of Property. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Koehn, to return to the regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0.

15. Council Member Announcements: Greta Heugel had her surgery Monday and it went well. She is recovering and will be going to Mary Fee Hospital for therapy.

16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 9:00 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan
Sparta Village Clerk