

VILLAGE OF SPARTA  
COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014  
Held at Sparta Township Chambers, 160 East Division, Sparta MI

1.2. The meeting was called to order by President Leonard R. Meyer II at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call: Council persons Kristi Dougan, Paul Hibbard, Bonnie Koehn, Gary Moody, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy.

4. Additions or corrections to Business and Consent Agendas: None.  
Consent Agenda:

- I. Accept Village Council Regular Business Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2014;
- II. Accept Village Council Special Business Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2014;
- III. File Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2014;
- IV. File Fire Board Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2014.

5. Approval of Consent AND Business Agendas:  
Moved by Moody, supported by Whalen, to approve Consent and Business Agendas.  
Motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers:  
Moved by Moody, supported by Dougan, to approve Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.  
Motion carried 7-0.

7. Public Comment for Agenda Item:  
A. Dwayne Pride of 466 Atkinson Street had requested a copy of the Agenda.

8. Public Hearing: None.

9. Unfinished Business: Traffic Signal at Division & Union St;  
The KCRC's estimate to upgrade the traffic signal using strain poles would be \$75,000, of which the Village would be responsible for half (\$37,000). The Village has budgeted \$31,000 for this upgrade.  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Moody, to approve signal upgrade at Division & Union Street and authorize Village Manager to sign necessary documents pertaining to approval. Motion carried 7-0.

10. New Business:  
A. Approve Fireworks Permit for Sparta High School Homecoming  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to approve Fireworks Permit for Sparta High School Homecoming on Friday October 10, 2014. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Executive Order E-14-06: An Order approving Road Closure for Harvest on the Ridge Festival.  
Moved by Hibbard, supported by Whalen, to adopt Executive Order E-14- 06. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Executive Order E-14-07: An Order approving Road Closure for Sparta Homecoming Parade.  
Moved by Hibbard, supported by Moody, to adopt Executive Order E-14-07. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Recommendation from Airport Committee to Award Red Hangar Demolition Bid to Pitsch Company for amount not to exceed \$7,400.00.  
Moved by Moody, supported by Taylor, to award Red Hangar Demolition Bid to Pitsch Company for amount not to exceed \$7,400.00. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Update from DDA Director re: downtown code enforcement:  
DDA Director has approached the property owners and the two building in question have a demolition date set for October 1 and completion date will be November 1.

I. Approve recommendation from Muskegon County to award Northwest Kent for amount not to exceed \$5,995.00 for sump pump installation at WWTP.  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Moody, to award Northwest Kent for sump pump installation at WWTP for amount not to exceed \$ 5,995.00. Motion carried 7-0. Council also asked that the Village Manager send a copy of the bill to the previous engineer who was responsible for the design that led to this issue.

I. Approve recommendation from Airport Committee to approve Tim Dedinas reverting lease agreement, pending attorney review.  
Moved by Dougan, supported by Taylor, to approve Tim Dedinas reverting lease agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

I. Rodeo Grounds – Freedom Cruise (Potential Concert):  
The Freedom Cruise is interested in coming back to Sparta next year and having a larger event. The organizers of the Freedom Cruise are looking at a potential concert at the Rodeo Grounds in 2015. The Village Manager indicated that a cleanup of some buildings was necessary and would like to schedule a volunteer cleanup day in the next few months. Council was supportive of the manager scheduling a cleanup day.

11. Committee Reports (attached):

- A. Finance Committee: None
- B. Policy & Personnel Committee: None

I. Public Facilities & Recreation Committee: None

- III. Airport Committee: In the process of replacing current airport manager Dick Roberts.
- III. Public Safety Committee: None
- III. Fire Board Committee: See minutes of Fire Board

12. Department Reports:

- I. Manager's Report (attached):
- II. Police Chief's Report (attached):
- III. Airport Manager's Report (attached):
- IV. Muskegon County Wastewater Treatment Plant Report – August (attached):

13. Communications:

- I. Kent County Board Positions
- II. Child Assessment Center Thank You Letter
- III. 2013 Water Fluoridation Quality Award

14. Public Comment:

Brent Boncher a candidate for 63rd District Judge introduced himself and had asked for our support.

15. Executive Session:

Moved by Dougan, supported by Whalen, to go into Executive Session at 7:43 pm for the purpose to discuss written legal opinion. Motion carried 7-0 by roll call vote.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to return to the regular session 7:48 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

16. Announcements:

The Manager gave an update on WWTP and that Dennis Pecynski is back to work. The Village will continue to work with DEQ to try and be as responsive as possible as we continue to work through the transition over the past few months.

17. Adjournment:

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Taylor, to adjourn at 7:55. Motion carried 7-0.

Pam Buchanan  
Sparta Village Clerk