

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF MARCH 9, 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. 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: Correction to Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015 - Add to Old Business a list of 2015 Village Goals.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Accept Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2015
- b. Accept Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2015
- c. Accept Sparta Fire Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2015
- d. Accept Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015
- e. Accept Sparta Recreation Authority Minutes of February 5, 2015
- f. Arbor Day Proclamation 2015
- g. Puppet Day Proclamation 2015

5. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to approve Consent and Business Agendas. Motion carried 7-0. The Council would like to see Arbor Day Proclamation 2015 and Puppet Day Proclamation 2015 go on the Village face book page.

6. Public Comment for Agenda Items:

A. Todd Johnson of 150 LuRu Lane had questions on SRA Project. Township purchased the property why is the Village becoming involved in it? Who will be paying for the maintenance? Will the taxpayers be paying for it? When citizens voted, it was voted down. He suggested that the 1729 residents that voted for it pay \$28.92 a year and the SRA will receive the \$50,000 for maintenance.

B. Paul Homrich of 125 S. State Street had questions on SRA Project. Who is on the SRA Board that is a Village Council Member? He stated that they will not be able to vote on any funding vote because they are an elected official who serve on the SRA committee.

7. Public Hearing:

a. DNR Passport Grant Application

The hearing opened at 7:07 p.m. and closed at 7:09 p.m.

o Gary Moody of 155 South Street had a question concerning who would be maintaining the Splash Pad at Rogers Park. Village Manager Suchy said that the Village

employees would be maintaining it.

8. Old Business: None.

9. New Business

a. Resolution #15-04: A Resolution Authorization the Village of Sparta to Apply For the Recreation Passport Grant Program with the Village Committing Matching Funds.

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Whalen, to adopt Resolution 15-04.

Motion carried 7-0.

b. Request from Sparta Rodeo LLC for use of property August 29 – September 7, 2015.

Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Bill Taylor to authorize Village Manager to draft license agreement between Sparta Rodeo LLC and Village of Sparta and bring back for Village Council approval at April meeting.

c. Request from Harvey Poling for permission to utilize metal detector on Rodeo Ground Property.

The Council chose to take no action at this time.

d. Grand Valley Metro Council Membership Discussion.

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Whalen to authorize Village Manager to invite GVMC to present at April Village Council Meeting on the benefits of being a member of GVMC. Motion carried 7-0.

e. Award 2015 Broadleaf Weed Control bid for Village Parks to Elite Landscape Management for an amount not to exceed \$827.00.

Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor to award the bid for 2015 Broadleaf Weed Control for the Village Parks to Elite Landscape Management not to exceed \$827.00. Motion carried 7-0.

f. Award Band Shell and Pavilion Refinishing Bid to Dave Cole Decorators for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

This bid has been tabled until our April Meeting. The Council would like our DPW Supervisor to check with either of the bidding companies or Pro Coating, 233 Prospect Street, Sparta MI to see if we could purchase a product that would be easy to remove graffiti off the band shell.

g. Award 2015 Spring Cleanup Days Dumpster Bid to Pitsch Companies for an amount not to exceed \$12,315.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor to award the bid for 2015 Spring Clean Up bid to Pitsch Companies, 675 Richmond, NW. Grand Rapids, MI. not to exceed \$12,315.

Motion carried 7-0.

h. Award 2015 Portable Toilet Bid to Plummers Environmental for an amount not to exceed \$1,248.

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Bill Taylor to award the bid for 2015 Portable Toilet bid to Plummers Environmental not to exceed \$1,248. Motion carried 7-0.

i. Schedule Work Session to discuss SRA Funding.

Village Council Work Session to discuss SRA Funding was scheduled for Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. for a full update on where the SRA project is currently at and allow for questions and discussion.

j. 102 Martindale Vacant Property Discussion.

The Council would like our Village Manager to contact Habitat for Humanity to see if they would be interested in the property for a home. Village Manager will bring a report back at the April Village Council Meeting.

k. Proposal 1 - Road Funding Discussion.

At this time the Council has no interest in passing a resolution regarding upcoming 1 Road Funding issue.

l. Discussion Electronic Delivery of Department Reports.

The Council at this time would not like to receive department reports electronically.

10. Committee Reports:

11. Village Managers Report:

12. Communications:

a. Puppetry Day Request

Mary C. Riley has asks for our Assistance in recognizing and celebrating National Day of Puppetry on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

13. 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.

14. Public Comment: None.

15. Executive Session:

Moved by Whalen, supported by Bill Taylor to go into Executive Session at 8:14p.m. To Discuss Pending Litigation. Motion carried 7-0.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to return to the regular session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion carried 7-0.

16. Council Member Announcements: None.

17. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 8:54 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan - Sparta Village Clerk

