

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF JULY 13, 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: Council persons Kristi Dougan, 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 June 8, 2015;
 - b. Accept Regular Downtown Development Authority Minutes of June 9, 2015;
 - c. Accept Regular Planning Commission Minutes of July 6, 2015;
 - d. Approve Highway Easement & License Agreement with Kent County Road Commission re: 2006 Sparta Airport Runway Project
4. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda
Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Paasch, 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. FY 2014 Audit Presentation from Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried Crandall gave a detailed report of the Sparta Village finances which were favorable and made some recommendations including options to correct reconciliation issue.
 - b. Resolution #15-07: A Resolution Intent to Vacate a Portion of the Public Right-Of-Way of Jo Ellen Street Adjacent to 12 Mile Road.
Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard to adopt Resolution 15-07.
Motion carried 7-0.
 - c. Resolution #15-08: A Resolution Intent to Vacate a Portion of the Right-Of-Way of Gunn Street Adjacent to Loomis Street.
Moved by Paasch, supported by Whalen to adopt Resolution 15-08.
Motion carried 7-0.

d. Motion to approve S. Union Street Utility Encasement Engineering Proposal with Prein & Newhof for not to exceed amount of \$16,200.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Gale Taylor to approve S. Union Street Utility Encasement Engineering Proposal with Prein & Newhof for not to exceed amount of \$16,200 and bill to General Formulations once completed.

Motion carried 7-0.

e. Motion to award Generator Preventative Maintenance Bid to Wolverine Power for a 3 year period and not to exceed amount of \$12,271.50.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbrd to award Generator Preventative Maintenance Bid to Wolverine Power for a 3 year period and not to exceed amount of \$12,271.50.

Motion carried 7-0.

f. 2015 Village Goal Progress Report – Village Manager provided an updated on the goals adopted and what progress had been made on each goal to date.

1. Establish a plan for the Rodeo Ground Development
2. Focus on Downtown Development
3. Establish Plan for Village contribution to SRA Project
4. Create Plan to clean up Nash Creek with creek-scape improvements
5. Establish a plan to reduce current village debt
6. Create a Business Retention Program
7. Build Splash Pad
8. Create Plan for East Entrance Beautification
9. Eliminate Double Tax for Fire/Rescue Services
10. Be fiscally sound in all departments

9. Committee Reports:

10. Village Managers Report: Village Manager met with a resident who would like her husband to build a book stand in Rogers Park for anyone who is interested in reading books. She has a lot of books she would like to donate.

11. Communications: None.

12. Payment of Bills:

Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.

Moved by Paasch, supported by Koehn, to approve Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.

Motion carried 7-0.

13. Public Comment: Brian Vilmont from Prein & Newhof wanted to thank everyone for doing such a good job.

14. Council Member Announcements: Sparta Village, Sparta Township, and Sparta Village Planning Commission officials will provide free watermelon at Rogers Park on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

15. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 8:20 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan

Sparta Village Clerk