

## VILLAGE OF SPARTA

### COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION OF AUGUST 10, 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, Robert Whalen and Village Manager Julius Suchy. Absent: Councilman William Taylor
3. Additions or Corrections to Business and Consent Agenda: None.  
Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Regular Village Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2015;
  - b. Accept Regular Downtown Development Authority Minutes of July 14, 2015;
  - c. Accept Regular Planning Commission Minutes of August 3, 2015;
  - d. Accept Fire Board Minutes of July 30, 2015;
  - e. Resolution #15-09 Resolution designating September 19, 2015 as "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action" Recognition Day;
  - f. Resolution # 15-10 Resolution authorizing the first addendum to the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement;
    - g. Resolution # #15-11 Resolution appointing Gary Moody to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2017;
  - h. Approve 2015 Fireworks Permit for Sparta High School Homecoming
4. Approval of Consent Agenda AND Business Agenda  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Paasch, to approve Consent and Business Agendas. Motion carried 6-0.
5. Public Comment for Agenda Items: None.
6. Public Hearing: None.
7. Old Business: None.
8. New Business
  - a. Award Website Design Services to City Web Central for an amount not to exceed \$7,480.  
Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard to award Website Design Services to City Web Central for an amount not to exceed \$7,480.  
Motion carried 6-0.

b. 2015 Sidewalk Replacement Program – BID REJECTION

Moved by Hibbard, supported by Koehn to reject the bid for the 2015 Sidewalk Replacement Program. Motion carried 6-0.

c. Award 3 year Leaf Removal Bid to Michigan Wood Fibers for an amount not to exceed \$19,200.

Moved by Paasch, supported by Gale Taylor to award a 3 year Leaf Removal Bid to Michigan Wood Fibers for an amount not to exceed \$19,200.

Motion carried 5-1 with Whalen providing the negative vote.

d. Award Airport Obstruction Tree Removal Bid to Chief Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$7,150.

Moved by Gale Taylor, supported by Paasch to award Airport Obstruction Tree Bid to Chief Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$7,150. Motion carried 6-0.

e. Approve Proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives for Check and Gate Valve Installation and Pump Repair Proposal for a cost not to exceed \$41,720.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Paasch to Approve Proposal from Infrastructure Alternatives for Check and Gate Valve Installation and Pump Repair Proposal for a cost not to exceed \$41,720. Motion carried 6-0.

f. Central School Property Financial Impact Memo.

Manager Suchy provided a break down on Additional Tax Income, Millage Breakdown, Additional Revenue Sharing, Sewer and Water Hook-up Fees, Water and Sewer Utility Charges.

g. Preliminary Annual Report Presentation – Shay Gallagher, Village Intern.

This report for 2014 is important to complete so that we have a baseline to understand whether our 2015 report numbers are improving or declining.

h. Where do the tax dollars go Presentation – Shay Gallagher, Village Intern.

Shay Gallagher presented two large graphics to show where tax dollars are directed when you pay your tax bill. It shows the percent of the bill that goes to the village and the percentages of the dollar that go to every other taxing entity. There will be a homestead and non-homestead graphic so that we can clearly represent this to both citizens who own their home and citizens and business owners who pay non-homestead taxes. These graphics will be utilized inside Village Hall and other locations.

9. Committee Reports:

10. Village Managers Report:

11. Communications: None.

12. Payment of Bills:

Approval of Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers.

Moved by Koehn, supported by Paasch, to approve Accounts Payable and Fund Transfers. Motion carried 6-0.

13. Public Comment: None.

14. Executive Session:

Moved by Whalen, supported by Paasch to go into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss strategy regarding negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Whalen, supported by Hibbard, to return to the regular session at 9:16 p.m.  
Motion carried 6-0.

15. Council Member Announcements: None.

16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by President Dougan at 9:17 p.m. by executive privilege.

Pam Buchanan  
Sparta Village Clerk