

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
Kent County, Michigan
Village Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM
276 W. Division St. (Sparta Village Complex)

Present:

President Robert Whalen, Council Members Brenda Braybrook, Robert Carlstrom, David Cumings, Christina Owens, Tom Peoples, Bill Taylor

Absent:

Also Present:

Village Manager James Lower, Chief Andrew Milanowski, Airport Manager Mike Krzciok, Village Clerk Kristen Phelps, Deputy DPW Director Conrad Bowman

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Robert Whalen.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. The Pledge was recited.

3. Roll Call

- a. Formal Roll Call was taken. See above for attendance.

4. Additions or Corrections to Consent and Business Agenda

Consent Agenda:

- a. *Approve Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2026*
b. *Approve Street Closure Executive Orders 26-06*

5. Approval of Consent and Business Agenda

- a. The Consent and Business Agenda was approved as presented.
i. Motion: Braybrook moved to approve the consent agenda with support of Cumings.
Motion passed 7-0

6. Public Comment for Agenda Item

Please Note: This Public Comment portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on agenda items. Personal or abusive attacks on Council members, staff members, or other participants will not be tolerated and may result in the Village President taking action, up to and including, having the speaker removed from the meeting by law enforcement officers.

7. Public Hearing

- a. Res. 26-03 A resolution approving (or denying) the Storage Control Systems, Inc IFE application
i. Opened at 6:31 pm
1. Jim Shafer from Storage Control Spoke
2. Allison Shafer from Storage Control Spoke
3. Attorney for Storage Control Spoke
ii. Closed at 6:54 pm

8. Old Business

- a. None.

9. New Business

- a. Res. 26-03 A resolution approving (or denying) the Storage Control Systems, Inc IFE application
 - i. Motion: Carlstrom moved to approve Resolution 26-03 the denial of IFT Request, Supported by Braybrook. **Motion passed 6-1.** Nay vote by Taylor.
- b. Res. 26-04 A resolution to recognize the Sparta Sports Boosters as a nonprofit organization
 - i. Motion: Peoples moved to approve Resolution 26-04 as presented, supported by Braybrook. **Motion passes 7-0.**

10. Executive Session

- a. None.

11. Village Manager & Department Reports

- a. None

12. Communications

13. Payment of Bills

- a. Motion: Taylor moved to approve the payables as presented, supported by Cumings. **Motion passes 7-0.**

March Payables

PAYABLES	
(101) General Fund	\$171,801.93
(202) Major Street Fund	\$2,249.51
(203) Local Street Fund	\$1,636.19
(581) Airport	\$56,889.00
(590) Sewer Department Fund	\$501,971.64
(591) Water Department Fund	\$48,580.04
(661) Equipment Rental Fund	\$5,624.52
Total	\$788,752.83

Informational:

(206) Fire Department	\$13,000.04
(208) SRA Park Fund	\$569.18
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$3,715.80
Total	\$17,285.02

14. Public Comment

- a. Sue Johnson- 105 Orchard Dr. commented
- b. Susan Watts- spoke about running for Representative

15. Council Member Announcements

- a. Councilmember Carlstrom commented.

16. Adjournment

- a. Meeting Adjourned at 7:19 pm by President Whalen.