

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
Kent County, Michigan
Village Council Meeting
Monday, June 15, 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

Absent: Bill Taylor, Tom Peoples,

Also Present:

Village Manager James Lower, Chief Andrew Milanowski, Airport Manager Mike Krzciok, Village Clerk Kristen Phelps, DPW Director Bill Hunter, Finance Director David Carpenter

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President 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 May 18, 2026*

5. Approval of Consent and Business Agenda

- a. The Consent and Business Agenda was approved as presented.
 - i. Motion: Carlstrom moved to approve the consent agenda with support of Braybrook.**Motion passed 5-0**

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. None.

8. Old Business

- a. None.

9. New Business

- a. Audit Presentation

- i. Dan from Siegfried Crandall spoke about the Village's audit.
- b. Sowing Seeds Purchase Agreement
 - i. Motion: Braybrook moved to approve the Purchase Agreement and Quit Claim Deed for 347 Evergreen and authorize the Village Manager to complete the sale, with support from Cumings. **Motion passes 5-0**
- c. Cityhood Update
 - i. Manager Lower spoke on Cityhood.

10. Executive Session

- a. None.

11. Village Manager & Department Reports

12. Communications

13. Payment of Bills

- a. Motion: Cumings moved to approve the payables as presented, with support from Braybrook. **Motion passes 5-0.**

May Payables

PAYABLES	
(101) General Fund	\$138,347.09
(202) Major Street Fund	\$775.14
(203) Local Street Fund	\$1,163.43
(581) Airport	\$5,125.65
(590) Sewer Department Fund	\$357,381.48
(591) Water Department Fund	\$39,555.46
(661) Equipment Rental Fund	\$38,657.93
Total	\$581,006.18

Informational:

(206) Fire Department	\$8,549.57
(208) SRA Park Fund	\$2,076.92
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$2,956.68
Total	\$13,583.17

14. Public Comment

- a. Jeff Christians- 98 E. Division commented
- b. Lynn Afenhoulis 2783 Summit, Rockford Commented
- c. Amer Marks 219 E. Division Commented
- d. Kendra Afton 112 E. Division Commented

15. Council Member Announcements

16. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm by President Whalen