

**VILLAGE OF SPARTA**  
Kent County, Michigan  
**Village Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 18, 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 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 April 20, 2026*

**5. Approval of Consent and Business Agenda**

- a. The Consent and Business Agenda was approved as presented.  
i. Motion: Cuming moved to approve the consent agenda with support of Carlstrom.  
**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. None.

**8. Old Business**

- a. None.

**9. New Business**

- a. North Kent Connect Presentation  
i. Adrienne Goodstal from North Kent Connect Spoke

- b.** Listing/Sale of Village Properties
  - i. Approval and Authorization for the Village Manager to Finalize listing and sale of Village properties. The Council came to consensus.
- c.** Library Contract for Service (Post Cityhood)
  - i. The Village Council came to consensus for the Village Manager to move forward with the proposed contract.
- d.** Cityhood Update
  - i. Manager Lower spoke on Cityhood.

**10. Executive Session**

- a.** None.

**11. Village Manager & Department Reports**

- a.** Manager Lower spoke about all of the projects happening in the Village.

**12. Communications**

- a.** President Whalen thanked all the Volunteers and Donors for Town and County Days.
- b.** Councilman Peoples spoke.

**13. Payment of Bills**

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

**April Payables**

PAYABLES	
(101) General Fund	\$168,523.99
(202) Major Street Fund	\$3,902.19
(203) Local Street Fund	\$9,253.59
(581) Airport	\$226,051.87
(590) Sewer Department Fund	\$94,616.11
(591) Water Department Fund	\$57,713.59
(661) Equipment Rental Fund	\$30,997.96
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$591,059.30</b>

Informational:

(206) Fire Department	\$7,403.07
(208) SRA Park Fund	\$1,201.71
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$11,090.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,695.57</b>

**14. Public Comment**

- a. None

**15. Council Member Announcements**

- a. Councilman Peoples spoke about the Sports Park parking issues.

**16. Adjournment**

- a. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm by President Whalen.