

VILLAGE OF SPARTA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 05, 2014

HELD AT SPARTA CIVIC CENTER, 75 NORTH UNION, SPARTA MI

1. President Leonard R. Meyer II called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Roll Call: Council persons: Kristi Dougan, Paul Hibbard, Bonnie Koehn, Gary Moody, William Taylor, Robert Whalen and Interim Village Manager Sharon J. DeLange.

3. Public Hearing opened at 7:01 pm.

A. Vacation of South Union Street:

Neal Hoofman of 3251 West 136th Street, Grant, MI, Project Manager of General Formulations Inc., 309 West Gardner, Sparta, requested closure of South Union Street between West Averill and Silver Creek Streets for the purpose of expansion of their company and to connect building sites on both sides of South Union. At the present time, materials must be transported by truck from the northwest side of the facilities to the northeast property site for further processing.

He further stated that General Formulations was founded in 1953 with 39 employees and manufactures decalcomania products which are shipped all over the world. In 2012, employment was over 200 with a gross of over \$70,000,000. With the proposed expansion, they could likely gross \$100, 000,000 and addition of 30 to 50 new employees. He stated that Sparta is the manufacturing corporate headquarters for General Formulations and they hoped to be able to stay here.

Other persons who commented on this expansion:

- A. Paul Homrich of 125 South State Street, Sparta;
- B. Dwayne Pride of 466 Atkinson Street, Sparta;
- C. Mary Jo Homrich of 125 South Union, Sparta;
- D. Brenda Braybrook of 29 Maple Street, Sparta;
- E. Gordie Nickles, Superintendent Sparta Area Schools;
- F. Gale Taylor of 274 Creekside; Sparta;
- G. Brian Vilmont, Sparta Village Engineer;
- H. Jim Clay of 309 S. Union, owner of General Formulations;
- I. Michael Clay of 309 S. Union, Sparta.

Also discussed were alternate means of transportation to Sparta Middle Schools, extension of Spartan Drive to Martindale Street, traffic flows, options for water mains and other utilities and industrial concerns of Handy Wacks and Tesa Tape.

The public hearing was closed at 7:59 pm.

It was determined that this issue be referred to the Public Facilities Committee for an update on the project at the May 12, 2014 regular Council meeting and a full report at the June 09, 2014 session..

Moved by Dougan, supported by Moody, to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Greta C. Heugel
Sparta Village Clerk