

**VILLAGE OF SPARTA**  
**Kent County, Michigan**  
**Special Village Council Workshop**  
**Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6pm**  
**75 N. Union St. (Sparta Civic Center)**

**Present:** Village President Robert Whalen, Council members Dave Cumings, Gale Taylor, Bill Taylor, Jayne Heath, Robert Carlstrom. (Brenda Braybrook was absent.)

**Also present:** DPW Supervisor Dennis Brinks, Village Manager Shay Gallagher, Village Clerk Katy Shelton.

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Roll Call:** Formal roll call was taken. Those in attendance/absent are noted above.
4. **Additions or Corrections to Consent and Business Agenda:**  
Add item “b – Mark St Right of Way” to the agenda.
5. **Approval of Consent and Business Agenda:**  
With the addition of item b, motion made by Carlstrom with a second by Cumings to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Public comment for Agenda items:**  
Note: This Public comment portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on agenda items.
  - a. None.
7. **Public hearing:**
  - a. None.
8. **Old business:**

- a. None.

**9. New business:**

**a. FY 2022 Capital Improvement Plan Project Review:**

We have 24 miles of roads in the village. The council discussed doing spot repairs, chip fixes, mill and fills, and road surface treatments versus major road reconstructions. They decided that we would get greater “bang for our buck” doing the former, and scheduling the latter for when underground repairs also needed to be made. The Village Manager and DPW Supervisor talked about seeking grants and additional funding for those repairs.

That proposal will be presented at the June Council meeting. That firm will do the majority of the work. Our DPW department will only do minor work due to the specialized equipment needed for these repairs.

**b. Mark St Right of Way:**

The developer of 333 Doris (by Mark St) wants to build a bigger home on the site. That would require the Village vacate a small amount of property to allow for that. The consensus from the Council was to move forward with vacating that property as long as the Village retains the right to access the public utilities.

**10. Village Manager and Department reports:**

- a. None

**11. Communications:**

- a. None

**12. Public Comment:**

- a. None

**13. Council member announcements:**

Gale Taylor asked about the dog park. It’s on schedule to open ASAP.

**14. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Whalen at 7:12pm.

Submitted by Katy Shelton, Village Clerk.