

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO HELD IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON February 21<sup>st</sup> 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Mayor Stropki led Council and visitors in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members present; Don Stropki, Charlene Stelluto, Scott Muir, Dan Fetters, Nancy Black, Jenna Hessedence and Clerk Doug Neading. Visitors Robert Cyperski, Deputy Koehler, Cheryl Carpenter, Christine Stalder, Carl Gausewitz, Lisa Mangeris, Mike Mangeris, Jeff Vuchovich and Linda Muir.

Motion by Hessedence to excuse Russell Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Sheriff's report, Deputy Greg Koehler discussed need to clarify stop sign going north on Chestnut at the Walnut intersection. He recommended removal of sign stating continuous right turn with caution as it is misleading and resulted in an accident last week. It was decided to remove existing sign and mark as a 3-way stop.

Reviewed Fire & EMS reports, Dan later reported they are planning to have new truck wrapped estimated cost \$13k. Construction is progressing well. Been very busy with accident and fire calls this month.

Pool board: reviewed minutes from last 3 months. Discussed pending fundraisers, new admission and rental rates, discussed with council positives and negatives and challenges with opening pool. Linda has several life guards who plan to return as well as a new pool manager. Discussed needed repairs and chemical cost and shortage. After much discussion it was decided unanimously to open the pool for 2023 as repair cost can be kept to a minimum at least for one more year.

Motion to open SVCP for 2023 by Hessedence. Seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to order chlorine tablets for season at cost estimate of \$5k by Fetters. Seconded by Black. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

BPA report: reviewed minutes.

Carl Gausewitz informed council he desires to separate cell tower site on Cleveland Ave to its own parcel. He will be responsible for all cost. Council advised they had no objection and he is permitted to move forward with request.

Cheryl Carpenter updated council on her progress with property clean up request. Garage roof has been repaired and some of the boxes have been removed. She plans to have new roof installed on house and have painted hopefully before next fall. She is doing the best she can with limited resources. After discussing with Cyperski and council she will continue to report progress at next month's meeting. Council members offered her assistance if need.

Christine Stalder was present to make sure council was aware truck has been removed as requested. She also has had a second water payment check lost in the mail from January. Asked that we explore options for water payments. Clerk Neading informed her she was the 3<sup>rd</sup> person who has had issues with lost checks in the mail this billing cycle, any late fees will be credited.

Neading will look into installing a payment drop box at village hall and report back.

Motion to approve January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 regular, reorganizational, public records minutes by Fetters. Seconded by Muir. Roll call 4 yes, 0 no, Hessedence abstained. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve financial reports as presented by Hessedence Seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion Carried.

2<sup>nd</sup> reading of O-01-23-01 Rules of Council  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading of R-01-23-01 Mowing contract

Motion to suspend/pass/emergency O-02-23-02 2023 Appropriations by Hessedence. Seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to suspend/pass/emergency R-02-23-02 Advertise for paving bids by Fetters. Seconded by Muir. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to sell Case backhoe and old light bar on Gov Deals by Stelluto. Seconded by Black. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Playground fund balance \$6934.11 additional fundraisers planed for spring.

Discussed sale of property on Ridge Rd. Cyperski will check with auctioneer on cost for online sale.

Cyperski- legal update: Informed council that the village will receive approximately \$877.00 in opioid settlement funds. Reviewed cemetery case law and determined village is not responsible to locate remains in

an undetermined location. He will provide additional information to family if requested.

Village update: Catch basin on Maple needs repaired, will get estimates. Requested process for acquiring help from BPA employees as needed. It will be discussed with BPA board and determine appropriate pay rates.

Mayor Stropki informed council that Marathon will be installing an additional tank for butane processing this summer. The 135ft. tank will be transported through town. After installation they will be transporting product through town with 10-12 trucks per day.

Zoning update: Mike reviewed reports and thanked residents for complying with clean up request. Will have one unlicensed truck towed if not removed by owner.

Discussed a Ridge Rd residents request to build a home on a parcel zoned for industrial use. Currently not permitted under zoning regulations. Cyperski will look into options for council to review.

Motion to adjourn by Hessedence. Seconded by Stelluto. Roll call 5 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm.

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Mayor, Donald Stropki

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Clerk-Treasurer, Doug Neading