

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON September 18th 2017.

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

Roll call was taken with the following members present; Mayor Don Stropki, Jackie Truax, Jenna Hessedence, Charlene Stelluto, Scott Muir, Nancy Black, Dan Fetters and Clerk Doug Neading. Visitors: Jeff Vuchovich, Paula Erickson, Mike Mangeris, Joel Russel, Joe Kostic, Bob Easterday, Gary Neuman, Rebecca Bowman, Christopher Carmax, Glen McDade, Ken Byrd, Shirley Kuhns, Bob Kuhns, John McDowell, Kathy McDowell, and Robert Cyperski.

Reviewed Police reports

Reviewed EMS/Fire reports

Pool board: Boo in the park will be held 10/21/17 3pm-6pm.

Motion to approve \$750.00 for Boo in the park expenses by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve up to \$7000.00 for pool improvement and repairs as needed by Hessedence. Seconded by Black. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Mr. Byrd expressed concern over recent treatment of BPA board members and employees. Requested they be given the respect they deserve and let them do their job. They are the only one qualified to do the job.

Mr. McDade was also concerned over the way BPA board and Kostic have been treated. Finally, the RR tracks have been cleaned up near

McKinley. Still needs support in getting other area properties clean up and removal of vehicles.

Mr. Neuman spoke on behalf of the BPA and advised council they held a special meeting earlier tonight and voted to reject clerk shared services proposal. Stated they have concerns over the safety of the drinking water and no one else uses volunteers for such a purpose. They are simply not comfortable with a larger number of people involved with our water safety. The BPA was also insulted by statements they had not offered a possible solution to reduce rate increases and would have been irresponsible to do so at the 1st meeting. Provide a proposed change in water coordinator compensation providing a fixed salary of \$1000.00 for water testing and hourly rates for other work at \$20.08 per hour, emergency work @ \$50.00 per hour, no emergency work at \$35.00 per hour. This change would result in \$4706.56 per year compared to current pay structure. Changes would be effective October 1st 2017. Mr. Neuman also advised 4 water valves need replaced at estimated cost of \$20,000.00 as soon as funding is available. The BPA still anticipates the need for additional 3% increase in 2018.

Clerk Neading advised he felt council is required to pass ordinance to change pay rate. Also, believes there will be an issue with salary plus hourly rates and become an audit issue. He asked Mr. Cyperski to verify.

Mayor Stropki request Kostic to provide those in attendance a brief description of his daily required routine. Daily he tests and calibrates chlorine levels, maintains well field as well as meter repairs, water line repairs, assisting customers with water turn on/off as requested, responsible for locating lines for utility repairs. Hessence asked Kostic what hours he worked each day, Kostic responded they were whatever he wants them to be, about 4 hours per day when not mowing.

Mr. McDowell asked that the village consider adding a catch basin at Willow and locust to help resolve water issue on his property. Recent improvement to the alley have raised road bed and water has nowhere to go. Jeff will look at and get quote for catch basin for council to consider.

Motion to approve August 21st 2017 minutes by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes. Motion Carried.

Motion to acknowledge August 14th 2017 minutes from BPA by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve financial reports as presented by Truax. Seconded by Black. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion Carried.

Set date for trick or treat Saturday October 28th 2017 6:30pm-7:30pm with fire department party to follow.

Mayor Stropki set up committee to review property maintenance ordinance. Members will include Stropki, Muir, Stelluto, Joel Russel, Ed Ellington, Mike Mangeris, and Robert Cyperski will also assist.

Motion to suspend/pass/emergency R-9-17-09 general fund transfer for county health expense by Stelluto, seconded by Truax. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to pay registration fee of \$100.00 for clerk training by AOS by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve roof estimate from J. Adolph construction at cost of \$11,233.00 by Stelluto. Seconded by Muir. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve pavement markings by Ogelby Construction at cost not to exceed \$5500.00 by Stelluto. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to hire JMW trucking to provide VAC truck and operator to clean catch basins at cost not to exceed \$5000.00 by Hessedence. Seconded by Black. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve change order for 2017 paving project to Milhoan Asphalt \$12.050.00.

Legal update: Bob will assist with property maintenance ordinance and review BPA request for change of pay/salary rate.

Village update: Paving will be completed this week, removing trees at village hall, painted RR crossings with more to complete.

Motion to approve purchase of asphalt patch material at cost not to exceed \$200.00 by Stelluto. Seconded by Hessedence. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Lee Farms to provide dumpsters for tree removal at cost not to exceed \$525.00 by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Mangeris reviewed property complaint/issues with council. He reported some progress has been made. He will continue to work with health department and residence to resolve issues. He has also meet with new tenant of Broads Garage and explained how property needed to be kept. Requested and was given permission to have a car towed from Walnut St. property.

Hessedence made motion to adjourn. Fetters seconded. Roll call: 6 yes, 0 no. Meeting adjourned 8:33pm.

Mayor, Donald Stropki

Clerk Treasurer, Doug Neading

