

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO HELD IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON May 18th, 2021.

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, Joel Russell, and Clerk Doug Neading. Visitors Linda Muir, Mike Nutter, Joe Kostic, Dan Neary, Travis Boyd, Chief Hager, Mike Ballash, Sue Schlimm, Rick Schlimm, Chad Schlimm, Robert Cyperski, Nannette Nutter, Steve Merrick, Johnathan Wilson, Cindi Dagenhard, Julie Schlimm, Jeff Vuckovich, Mike Mangeris, Alex Blemer, and Rob Quicci.

Police reports reviewed, Mayor Stropki had questioned why no one was notified about a missing child on May 3rd until seen on May 18th. Chief Hager stated it was being worked on through children's services, in the past it was not posted on social media, but he will change protocol and notify mayor for social media posting as desired. Car 3 milage currently is 65,927.

Reviewed Fire & EMS reports, Dan reported on truck maintenance and hose testing are being completed, one new cadet is being trained, \$420.00 was raised from aluminum cans for children's burn center, interior of station being painted with ½ cost covered by Tri Division, Ladies auxiliary donated \$1000.00 to FD, Fire department is working on parade for homecoming June 29-31. Fire Dept will run bingo and big wheel for fundraising.

Pool board: Flyers will be going home with students, pool painting looks great, pool being filled now, need to complete permit for new sign placement, ladders will be repaired at a later time, (vendor's staff currently have COVID), refrigerator needs repaired, need to check on a few electrical issues. Chemicals may be in short supply this year.

BPA report: Reviewed minutes, Mike Nutter and Dan Neary outlined current project for this year including fire hydrant replacement, valve replacement, disposal of misc. equipment, plans to add water line loops @ Garfield & Chestnut (about 20k), Reynold to Clearview, and Marathon extension. All improvement would increase water flow and reduce sediment in these areas. Will work on future grant and infrastructure opportunities to provide funding.

Motion to approve April 13th, 2021 minutes by Russell. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion Carried.

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

Motion to suspend/pass/emergency O-3-21-05 criminal background checks by Fetters. Seconded by Muir. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion Carried.

It was decided to have background check completed by Stark County Educational Service Center in North Canton.

Neading discussed 2019,2020 audit report with no finding. Currently being reviewed by State Auditor's office. American Recovery funds have still not been determined or received. Reviewed cyber insurance needs and cost that will now be additional.

Russell presented update on town pump project. Electrical drawings have been completed and estimated work to be \$36k. He will gather additional estimates for next meeting. Also is getting estimate for water line installation with help of BPA and RT Hampton.

Hessedence presented information on forming a playground committee to make improvements at the Poplar Street park. Considering a GAGA Ball pit as well as other equipment. Looking at possible funding opportunities. The committee will meet and report back to council.

Legal update: Review Willow property appraisal and it was decided to get quotes from vendors to auction property off by next meeting. Will need cleaned out first approx. cost of \$1500.00 Was asked about alcohol at corn hole tournaments, informed council that was not permitted unless they file for permit to sell alcohol for a specific event/location. Discussed with council tabled ordinance on stray cats, still considering options, no action was taken.

Village update: Discussed needed-repairs to backhoe and decided to replace transmission as soon as possible. Trash cans are needed at the pool, need to look at playground areas to determine if additional pea gravel is needed. Civic will cover cost for a load of gravel for civic playground area. Jeff needs additional high visibility shirts.

Zoning update: Mike discussed notice to be issued to Dollar General this week as well as status of improvements at Bobby Ghee property on McKinley. Tires have been removed. Properties will be reinspected this week. Will contact Hylton regarding Willow property as well as wagon shed property owners regarding mowing as requested by Rick Schlimm.

Motion to adjourn by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no.

Meeting adjourned 8:10pm.

Mayor, Donald Stropki

Clerk-Treasurer, Doug Neading