

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF EAST SPARTA, COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF OHIO HELD IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ON August 14<sup>th</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, Joel Russell, Jenna Hessence and Clerk Doug Neading. Visitors Robert Cyperski, Mike Mangeris, Lisa Mangeris, Lisa Stropki, Sacha Stashak, Richard Stashak, Stephanie Mathews, Chuck Mathews, Tom Bunyan, Mike Balash and Linda Muir.

Sheriff's report: Deputy Koehler reviewed recent activity. Activity reports were reviewed.

Reviewed Fire & EMS reports, Construction continuing almost completed. Water balloon parade was well attended, kids had a good time.

Pool board: review minutes. Concession stand door needs repaired, 100 participated in the glow swim. Village garage sales September 7-8. Fall for all event date changed to October 28th 2023 @ Community building. September 16th car show at Historical Society Cabin.

Mayor Stropki discussed meeting with Diane Williams on possible pool improvements and corporate fund raising activities. It was determined that first step would be to hire an architect to develop design plans. Also discussed recent closure of Uhrichsville water park, new water park being constructed at Hall of Fame Village. Council members offered their input on future plans. It was determined best course of action will be to close pool for 2024 season and look into other options for the property or complete renovation.

Motion to close SVP for 2024 by Stelluto. Seconded by Black. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

BPA report: Mike Balash informed council #8 well has been repaired.

Richard Stashak asked about 2 calls to Sheriff's office by residence and requested information on outcome. 8/4/23 call from Brian Reed concerned about suspect with wagon in area and 8/12/23 called about wheel barrow with stolen property on Cedar St.

Deputy Kohler was not personally aware of first call but did respond to second and recovered property from Cedar St. An investigation in underway on the incident.

Chuck Mathews is concerned about damage to his son's grave stone. He has repaired himself but this was not the first time it was damaged by mowers. Stropki will contact landscaper.

Motion to approve July 18th 2023 regular minutes by Hessedence. Seconded by Fetters. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion Carried.

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

Motion to suspend/pass/emergency 2024 Alternative Budget by Fetters. Seconded by Russell. Roll call 6 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

The cemetery committee met and Stropki is looking into acquiring property adjacent to cemetery.

The safety committee met and will set up meeting with Pike Township to discuss continuing with Sheriff contract.

Playground fund balance \$8606.96. Attending SV back to school bash. Will be holding additional fund raisers this fall.

Cyperski- legal update: Sent letter regarding zoning issues to Brown, Glaser and Carpenter properties.

Village update: Have Jeff check asphalt at Maple & Ash, Maple & Pine. Will assist Jeff with stump removal at cemetery.

Zoning update: reviewed reports and updates.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:50pm.

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Mayor, Donald Stropki

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Clerk-Treasurer, Doug Neading