

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
Kent County, Michigan
Village Council Meeting
Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM
75 N. Union St. (Sparta Civic Center)

Present:

President Robert Whalen, Council Members Brenda Braybrook, Robert Carlstrom, David Cumings, Courtney Mais, Tom Peoples, Bill Taylor

Absent:

Also Present:

Village Manager James Lower, DPW Supervisor William Hunter, Police Chief Andrew Milanowski, Airport Manager Mike Krzciok, Village Clerk Kristen Phelps

1. Call to Order

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Robert Whalen

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. The Pledge was recited

3. Roll Call

- a. Formal Roll Call was taken. Attendance is noted above.

4. Additions or Corrections to Consent and Business Agenda

Consent Agenda:

- a. *Approve Regular Village Council Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2025*
- b. *Approve Fire Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025*
- c. *Approve Road Closure: Executive Orders 25-01*
- d. *Add Item C. and move C. to D.*

5. Approval of Consent and Business Agenda

- a. The Consent and Business Agenda were approved as presented with the addition of item c.
 - i. Motion: Mais Moved to approve the consent agenda support by Braybrook. **Motion Carried unanimously.**

6. Public Comment for Agenda Item

Please Note: This Public Comment portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on agenda items. Personal or abusive attacks on Council members, staff members, or other participants will not be tolerated and may result in the Village President taking action, up to and including, having the speaker removed from the meeting by law enforcement officers.

7. Public Hearing

- a. None.

8. Old Business

- a. None.

9. New Business

- a. Emergency Purchase 1 Water Main Break Averill
 - i. Purchase approval by Mais with support by Cumings. **Motion passed 7-0.**
- b. Emergency Purchase 2 Safe Routes to School Construction Engineering Services
 - i. Purchase approval by Carlstrom with support by Mais. **Motion passed 7-0.**
- c. Emergency Purchase 2 Chevy Tahoe Cruiser
 - i. Purchase approval by Cumings with support by Mais. **Motion passed 7-0.**
- d. Cityhood Committee Update from Chairman Carlstrom
 - i. Chairman Carlstrom spoke about the Cityhood meetings and upcoming meeting dates.

10. Executive Session

- a. None.

11. Village Manager & Department Reports

- a. The Village Manager provided an update on various topics and ongoing developments within the Village.

12. Communications

- a. Surf internet update by Mr. Hunter and Mr. Lower
- b. Water update by Mr. Hunter
- c. Chief Milanowski thanked the Board and Village Manager

13. Payment of Bills

March Payables

PAYABLES	
(101) General Fund	\$121,783.79
(202) Major Street Fund	\$1,178.17
(203) Local Street Fund	\$1,981.00
(581) Airport	\$26,866.50
(590) Sewer Department Fund	\$193,143.17
(591) Water Department Fund	\$24,298.70
(661) Equipment Rental Fund	\$1,501.78
Total	\$370,753.11

Informational:

(206) Fire Department	\$8,126.29
(208) SRA Park Fund	\$210.99
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$3,199.15
Total	\$11,536.43

Motion: Taylor moved to approve the payables as presented, supported by Cumings. **Motion passed 7-0.**

14. Public Comment

- a. None

15. Council Member Announcements

- a. None

16. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm by President Whalen.