

VILLAGE OF SPARTA
Kent County, Michigan
Village Council Meeting
Monday, June 16, 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: None

Also Present:

Village Manager James Lower, Village Clerk Kristen Phelps, Police Chief Andrew Milanowski, Airport Manager Mike Krzciok

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 at 7 pm.

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 May 19, 2025*
- b. *Approve Fire Board Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025*
- c. *Approve DDA Minutes May 13, 2025*

5. Approval of Consent and Business Agenda

- a. The Consent and Business Agenda were approved as presented
 - i. Motion: Braybrook Moved to approve the consent agenda support by Carlstrom. **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. Nash Creek Drain Assessment
 - i. Motion to pay lump sum made by Cumings with support by Mais. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- b. Storm Water Nesting Agreement with Sparta Area Schools
 - i. Braybrook move to approve the agreement with support by Mais. **Motion Passed 7-0.**
- c. Cityhood Committee Update from Chairman Carlstrom
 - i. Chairman Carlstrom spoke about the Cityhood meeting.
 - 1. Barb Johnson 9210 Alpine Ave Commented on Cityhood

10. Executive Session

- a. None.

11. Village Manager & Department Reports

- a. Village Manger Lower spoke about happenings in the Village.

12. Communications

13. Payment of Bills

May Payables

PAYABLES	
(101) General Fund	\$363,619.31
(202) Major Street Fund	\$11,238.38
(203) Local Street Fund	\$31,116.30
(581) Airport	\$10,960.33
(590) Sewer Department Fund	\$444,578.24
(591) Water Department Fund	\$46,927.68
(661) Equipment Rental Fund	\$12,720.90
Total	\$921,161.14

Informational:

(206) Fire Department	\$5,991.55
(208) SRA Park Fund	\$6,279.20
(248) Downtown Development Authority	\$2,929.60
Total	\$15,200.35

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

14. Public Comment

- a. None

15. Council Member Announcements

- a. None

16. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm by President Whalen.