

Monday, February 8th

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**Special Meeting***East Sparta Village Hall**9353 Main Ave. S.E.**East Sparta, Ohio*

President Doug Baum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Trustees Paul Mosberger and Don Charnetzky were present, but absent was Fiscal Officer Steve Knox. Others in attendance were Mayor Jackie Truax; Village Council members, Charlene Stelluto, President, Chris Freitag, Marlene Gray, Mark Marcoaldi and Jenna Hessendence. Clerk-Treasurer, John Rice, as well as, Solicitor for the Village, Robert H. Cyperski and Solicitor for Pike Township, Charles D. Hall III were in attendance. Bob Easterday, representing the village water board, Arnie Adams, representing the Fire Department, Pike Township Zoning Inspector, Sharon Perrine, Nancy Snyder, BZA president Steve Adams of Adams Fabricating and Carol Barto, Twp Sec'y/Cemetery Sexton.

**New Business**

Baum stated that, according to the annexation agreement, the two entities are supposed to meet at least once a year. Baum also stated that the Township was of the opinion and according to the "Agreement", when the annexation of the Laufen Int'l. property was annexed that the Community Park, Bank of Magnolia, Slats & Nails and East Sparta Steel would also be included in that annexation and was not aware that annexation had not taken place, until a fire occurred at Slats & Nails May 31, 2009, when Trustee Don Charnetzky offered assistance to the Village with the fire and was told, by Mayor Truax that the company was in the Township, not the Village.

Mayor Truax answered that the Village was aware that the Laufen property was the only one to be annexed at that time and, according to the "Agreement", all the properties were not required to be annexed at the same time and their plan was to annex the other properties as funds were made available. Funds of \$2,500 has been set aside for the annexation and she planned to ask council to allocate the additional funds to proceed with the annexation of the other properties. Attorney Hall advised the Mayor and Council that, legally, they were past the 120 day limit, per the "Agreement". Attorney Cyperski countered that it wasn't true.

The Trustees re-affirmed their commitment to the Community Park. Trustee Mosberger requested a schedule for the park board meetings and Mayor Truax said he would have to contact a board member. Baum asked about the by-laws and Truax said they will have to be revised.

Baum asked if the Mayor and a council member could attend at least two Trustees Meetings a year beginning with one before the park opened and one after the ending of park season.

Fire Safety & Prevention Officer, Arnie Adams expressed his concern with the water pressure in the village, as well as, the Slats & Nails property. Bob Easterday, of the Village water board replied that the lines for Slats & Nails were put in by Ceramic Tile and the other lines in the Village were installed when the pumping equipment wasn't as powerful as the new fire trucks.

Pike Zoning Inspector, Perrine asked the name of the zoning inspector for the Village. Response was Dean Starkey.

Mrs. Snyder inquired as to what means of funding it would take to complete the annexation. Mayor Truax said an individual had donated \$2,500, which was put in a special fund, and she planned to ask the Council to take an additional \$2,500-\$3,500 from the general fund (Clerk-Treasurer shook his head no) to proceed with the annexation of the properties in question. She stated that the estimated cost would be about \$5,000 - \$6,000 for the surveying and legal fees.

Baum appointed Paul Mosberger as representative for the Community Park.

Roll Call Vote:           Charnetzky – Yes  
                                  Mosberger - Yes  
                                  Baum - Yes

The Village adjourned their meeting and council was dismissed. The Mayor was kind enough to grant the Township the use of the Hall for additional council with Attorney Hall.

**Other Business**

Attorney Hall filed a motion to dismiss the Plaintiff's request for a continuance of the demolition of the structure on the Groom's property, which is scheduled for court action, again on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Alborn property. Mr. Hall states that the farming equipment and items of personal use, such as licensed autos are permissible on the property, but all the other items must go. Attorney Hall will file a motion to move ahead on clean up and allow the judge to rule.

6535 East Sparta Avenue. Mosberger made a motion to declare the property a nuisance and give property owners 30 days and the Township will tear down. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Roll Call Vote:           Charnetzky – Yes  
                                  Mosberger - Yes  
                                  Baum - Yes

Hall reminded Trustee Mosberger to review the “*ethics*” of elected officials. Baum, along with Zoning Inspector Perrine expressed concern that Valley Mining, not currently mining for clay on the Soehnen property, has not reclaimed the land as promised. Attorney Hall will be checking the status with Valley Mining and will view the property at a later date. Mosberger stated he has been working with ODOT and/or the landfill concerning the ramp, now that the lawsuits have been settled.

Attorney Hall suggested the Trustees take the initiative to regularly meet with the Village Mayor and Council and Baum asked Mosberger to represent Pike Township in the Economical Development.

Baum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Seconded by Charnetzky.

Roll Call Vote:           Charnetzky – Yes  
                                  Mosberger - Yes  
                                  Baum - Yes