

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345  
January 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Dale Bergman.

**Members Present:** Dale Bergman, Rachel Shangle, Marcy Savage, Bill Goodfellow, Rob Steffens, Chad Momber and Jason Bradford

**Members Absent:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:**

Added #7 Township Budget workshop meeting, #8 Joint Fire Board Meeting, #9 Town Hall Painting, #10 Front Counter Remodel

Moved by Shangle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffens to approve the additions to the agenda.

**Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Moved by Shangle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow to approve minutes of December 8, 2016.

**Carried 7-0**

Moved by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Momber to approve treasurer's report.

**Carried 7-0**

**Public Hearing C.D.B.G**

Bergman opened the meeting at 7:03. Bob Barnes gave us an update on the Senior neighbors. Barnes informed the Board about all the meals they provide and transportation. They also provide activities and classes to keep the seniors active. Senior neighbors also provides case managers to help solve problems. Barnes asked for us match last year's grant money at \$10,000.00.

Pam Schoemaker was also at the meeting to inform the Board about Arbor Circle. Schoemaker told the board that last year they helped 28 families. She requested the same amount that the Board gave her last year which was \$2000.00.

Bergman informed the board that we also had some money in the contingency fund that was set aside to purchase something for the park.

Bergman closed the public hearing at 7:16

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Steffens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

**2. Allocation of C.D.B.G. Funds**

C.D.G.G's estimated funds for 2017-2018 is \$13, 917.00. Goodfellow made a motion to allocate \$10,000.00 to Senior Neighbors, \$2000.00 to Arbor Circle and to put the remaining \$1917.00 in a contingency fund to purchase something for the park. It was seconded by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

**3. Library Garden Maintenance**

Tabled

**4. Cemetery Software Quotes**

Shangle made a motion to purchase the Pontum Cemetery Software for \$5000.00, it was seconded by Savage.

**Carried 7-0**

**5. Dates and Times for Board of Review**

BOR organizational meeting March 7 at 8a.m. BOR Public Meetings are March 13, from 9-12 and 1-4, and March 14 from 1-4 and 6-9.

**6. Joint Village, Township and S.R.A. Public Hearing on park plan February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:p.m. at the civic center.**

**7. Township Budget Workshop**

It was decided to have the budget workshop February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00p.m. at the Township Office.

**8. Joint Village and Township Fire Board Agreement Meeting**

It was decided to meet February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 at the Township Hall.

**9. Town Hall Wall Paper removal and Painting**

Goodfellow made a motion to hire All Phase painting Inc. to do the Wallpaper Removal and the Interior Painting for \$7998.00 unless Dave Cole Decorators could do it for less. Seconded by Bradford. (Savage called Dave Cole Decorators and was told he would have to add 5% to the quote.) **Carried 7-0**

**10. Front Counter Renovation**

The Board asked if we could also get a quote from Quality Formica before they made a decision.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Savage presented the quote for the Advance for the coming year to publish notices. Shangle made a motion to approve the rates, seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Shangle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Savage **Carried 7-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk