

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
March 9, 2017

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

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

Members Absent: Rob Steffens

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

#2 Removed, replaced with Replacement of Library Tree, Add #10 Clean up days, add #11 Park Discussion
Moved by Goodfellow to Approve the Agenda, 2nd by Shangle. **Carried 6-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Shangle, 2nd by Goodfellow to approve minutes of February 9, 2017 **Carried 6-0**

Moved by Shangle, 2nd by Goodfellow to approve minutes of February 23, 2017 **Carried 6-0**

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Bradford to approve treasurer's report. **Carried 6-0**

Public Hearing for the Sparta Township Budget 2017-2018

Opened at 7:17 No Comment, Closed at 7:17 1/2

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Shangle, 2nd by Goodfellow **Carried 6-0**

2. Replacement of Library Tree

The Sparta Library is gearing up to celebrate their 100th anniversary Friday Aug 11, 2017. They are requesting a replacement of the tree that fell down last year. They would like a Crimson Maple or a Sunset Maple. It was moved by Goodfellow and Seconded by Momber to get a tree at Trains Nursery in Grant not to exceed \$500.00 and have it installed by Chuck Mead. **Carried 6-0**

3. Budget 2017-2018

Resolution #17-3, Supervisors Salary, Shangle made a motion to approve a 4% raise on both the statutory and additional duties, bringing the total to \$23,665.20, it was seconded by Goodfellow. **Carried 6-0**

Resolution #17-4, Clerks Salary, Shangle made a motion to approve a 4% raise on both the statutory and additional duties, bringing the total to \$ 34,021.52, it was seconded by Goodfellow. **Carried 6-0**

Resolution #17-5, Treasurers Salary, Savage made a motion to approve a 4% raise on both the statutory and additional duties, bringing the total to \$34,021.52, it was seconded by Bradford. **Carried 6-0**

Bergman proposed to give the fire department an additional \$10,000.00. Shangle made a motion to approve Bergman's proposal, as a separate line item, and to give the Fire department an additional \$10,000.00 to help with the cost of dispatch. It was seconded by Goodfellow. **Carried 6-0**

Shangle made a motion to approve the budget as presented by the Supervisor with the amendments and keeping the millage at .9854 pending calculation of Headley reduction. Seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 6-0

4. Joint Fire Agreement Revisions

The Board reviewed the revisions and was in agreement with them.

5. IT Quotes

The Board reviewed the quotes and informed Savage she could go ahead and get a more confirmed price to proceed with replacing the server.

6. Zoning Insurance

Following our insurance audit, the insurance company proposed increasing our coverage for zoning related issues. The board decided we did not need any more insurance at this time.

7. Library Park Quote

Shangle made a motion to accept the bid from Waterworks Irrigation Service assuming it includes around the Library building, to be verified by the Clerk. It was seconded by Momber. **Carried 6-0**

8. Cemetery Mapping

The board asked Savage to do some more research on pricing for the mapping.

9. Additional Electrical Work

Motion was made by Goodfellow to approve the quote for the additional electrical work. It was seconded by Shangle. **Carried 6-0**

10. Sparta Clean-Up Days

Bradford made a motion to accept the Village's recommendation to limit items that could be brought to clean-up days. It was seconded by Momber. **Carried 6-0**

11. Park Discussion

It was the consensus of the board to be open to proposals from the Village and S.R.A. for the future management and ownership of the park.

Goodfellow made a motion to give the allocated amount of \$25,000.00 in our 2016-2017 budget to S.R.A. Seconded by Shangle.

Carried 6-0

OTHER INFORMATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lois Lovell and Jerry Bolen showed their appreciation to the Township Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Savage and 2nd by Shangle **Carried 5-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk