

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E Division - Sparta MI 49345
May 12, 2016

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

Members Present: Dale Bergman, Bob Maier, Rachel Shangle, Rob Steffens,
Mark Anderle, and Bill Goodfellow

Members Absent: Marcy Savage

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

Add #9, Joint Village and Township Meeting regarding agreement with Fire Department
Motion to approve the agenda with the corrections moved by Shangle, 2nd by Goodfellow

Carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Shangle to approve minutes of April 14, 2016 and May 4, 2016

Carried 6-0

Moved by Goodfellow to approve, 2nd by Maier to approve treasurer's report

Carried 6-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

Bergman will look into insurance helping with cost of broken pipe at library (park area). After explanation from Lois about boiler repair, Maier motioned to approve, 2nd by Goodfellow

Carried 6-0

2. Library Roof

Lois from library confirmed new leaks (in multiple places where the gutters come together/leak in conference room too) in the library's roof since last few times it was patched. Library roof had a 20 year life and has been on for 30 years. Company will write up a spec to publish in paper for bids because the project will most likely cost over \$20,000. Motion by Maier to get bids for new roof at library, 2nd by Steffens.

Carried 6-0

3. Revisions of Cemetery Ordinance

Goodfellow presented a copy of his notes to bring cemetery ordinance up to date and add more specifics regarding lot size, marker requirements, owners, etc....and asked that MaryBeth Dame review it.

4. Planning Commission Re-Appointments

Bergman suggested to reappoint Terry Hartman for a 3 year term ending May 2019, was moved by Steffens, 2nd by Shangle.

Carried 6-0

Bergman suggested to reappoint Linda Anderson and was moved by Steffens, 2nd by Shangle.

Carried 6-0

Bergman suggested to reappoint Tim Driscoll, moved by Steffens, 2nd by Shangle.

Carried 6-0

5. Library Landscaping and Care

Shangle and Savage have been receiving quotes with separate project pricing for the care and management of the Library Park and landscaping. Lois, library board director agreed to discuss with library board about contributing a portion of money to the lawn care cost. Shangle motioned for the full proposal using option 2 of Katerberg VerHage landscape management, (5 visits) for this year as well as motioned to see if library will contribute as much as possible to the cost, 2nd by Maier.

**Passed 5-1
Bill Goodfellow Dissent**

6. Ostman Property-Right of First Refusal

It was moved by Steffens to waive first right of refusal on the property and 2nd by Shangle. The required signatures on the document should be done by Dale and Marcy (Supervisor and Clerk), included in the motion.

**Passed 4-2
Bob Maier, Bill Goodfellow Dissent**

7. Watermelon Social July 13th

The watermelon social tradition will continue. Board members should donate a watermelon if they can't make it to help at the event.

8. Computer Purchase for Elections and Township use

Savage would like to purchase new laptops for elections and township use. The current election laptops are out of date, and almost out of memory. Need something more reliable for working elections, and would like to use for more than just the few elections. State no longer provides laptops. Savage has specs of needed software. Consensus-more specific quote and software needed for laptops and add to next agenda.

9. Joint Village and Township Meeting about Fire Agreement

The township board would like to know specifics and have an agenda for the meeting, what they would like to change. Would also like to update the agreement since the township does not do their accounting. Consensus of board to ask the Village Council to specify items of discussion.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Shangle had county information about property foreclosed for taxes not paid and first right to purchase homes on Carrie St, W. Division, and Hickory St. Board decided they were not interested in purchasing any of them. Steffens mentioned they started moving dirt at the park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Maier, and 2nd by Anderle

Carried 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Riordan, Township Deputy Clerk