

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
February 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 and Rob Steffens

Members Absent: Jason Bradford, Bill Goodfellow

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

None

Moved by Shangle to Approve the Agenda, 2nd by Momber. **Carried 5-0**

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Anderson, a representative from State Representative Pete MacGregor's office was in attendance and let the board know that he was willing to bring any concerns back to Pete Macgregor that we might have.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Shangle, 2nd by Steffens to approve minutes of January 12, 2017 **Carried 5-0**

Moved by Steffens, 2nd by Savage to approve treasurer's report. **Carried 5-0**

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Shangle, 2nd by Momber. **Carried 5-0**

2. C.D.B.G. Resolution

Shangle made a motion to approve Resolution 17-1, seconded by Steffens. **Carried 5-0**

3. Historical Commission Reappointments

Steffens made a motion to approve Jeff Vansycke, Marcia Thompson and Jamie Brooks to be reappointed to the Historical Commission for a 3 year term until 3/2020, Seconded by Momber. **Carried 5-0**

4. Myers Cemetery Drive

The Road Commission advised Bergman that they will be making a dedicated lane to make a left hand turn onto Alpine Ave. from 13 mile rd. The Road Commission will remove the railroad ties in front of Myers Cemetery and replace them with a block retaining wall. The concern with this is the center driveway is very narrow to begin with and with the larger wall and a new lane very close to the entrance it could be very dangerous to use. The Board discussed that using it as an entrance only would make it much safer. Merle Emery from the Church of the Nazarene informed the board that the church was willing to grant the Township an easement to use the churches driveway under a few conditions:

1. Drainage/runoff must flow away from the existing drain field.
2. The Township is to construct a retaining wall between new driveway and drain field.
3. The easement would be granted for the entering and exiting the cemetery only. No Cemetery parking will be allowed on the church property without permission from the church office. The township is to post "no parking" signs.
4. The Township will pay all expenses incurred and will provide legal documents.
5. The Township will be responsible for all maintenance of the new drive.

Shangle made a motion to inform the Road Commission that we would still like to use our center drive and that we will pursue working out an agreement with the Church of the Nazarene to get an easement to use

their driveway. Seconded by Steffens.

Carried 5-0

5. IT Quotes

Tabled until we get more information.

6. Office Remodeling

Savage presented a spread sheet with all the money we had spent so far and with the remaining quotes for what was needed to be done to finish this portion of the remodel. Steffens made motion to approve the desired quotes on the list as long as we remain in this price structure, with exception of the New Conference table at this time. It was seconded by Shangle

Carried 5-0

OTHER INFORMATION

Steffens gave a report on S.R.A.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Shangle and 2nd by Savage
The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk