

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E Division - Sparta MI 49345
January 14, 2016

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

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

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Goodfellow, 2nd by Shangle to approve the minutes of Dec. 10, 2015

Carried 7-0

Motion by Goodfellow to approve the treasurer's report, 2nd by Anderle.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Bergman. Robert Barnes did a presentation regarding Senior Neighbors and requested \$13,000.00. Pam Shoemaker from Arbor Circle, also did a presentation informing the board that 6 of the 20 girls in the program last year were from Sparta. Arbor Circle is requesting \$2500.00 this year. Chief Jerry Bolen was not able to make it to the meeting but requested \$2,000.00. Supervisor Berman closed the Public Hearing at 7:14.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Approval of the Bills

Motion by Maier and 2nd by Shangle to approve the bills.

Carried 7-0

2. Allocation of CDBG Money

A motion was made by Shangle to allocate the same as last year giving \$2,000.00 to Arbor Circle and \$10,000.00 to Senior Neighbors, leaving \$2649.00 in a contingency fund. It was 2nd by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

3. New Website Presentation- John Chickering

John Chickering did a presentation to the Township Board on the new website and its various functions.

4. Township Hall Improvements

It was decided by the board to wait until we made our new Budget for 2016-2017 to make any more decisions on the updates and to try to get some more bids.

5. Village Property Annexation

The Village of Sparta currently owns the parcel of property at 1750 12 mile Rd, and is interested in selling the property for future expansion to Cascade Die Company. The property is also adjacent to the Village boundary. The village is requesting our support in annexing the property into the village. Shangle made a motion to support the Annexation of the property into the village, with the understanding that it will most likely be sold to Cascade Die. Anderle 2nd the motion.

Carried 7-0

6. Schedule Budget Workshop

It was decided by the Township Board to hold the Budget Workshop on Tuesday February 23, 2016 at 5:00p.m. at the Township Hall.

7. Pitney Bowes Lease Agreement

Steffens made a motion to approve the 5 year contract with Pitney Bowes, 2nd by Anderle.

Carried 7-0

OTHER –INFORMATIONAL

There will be a joint meeting on January 19, 2016 at the civic center for the Township, Village, and SRA. SRA would like to bring both entities up to date on the park. They would like us to know where they are at now and what the park can do in the future. It was also discussed that SRA is more concerned about starting to build the park and not purchasing any more property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Shangle, and 2nd by Savage.

Carried 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Township Clerk