

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

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

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

**Members Absent:** Mark Anderle

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Add #7, Quote for tree & Limb removal for Greenwood and Fairplains Cemetery. Motion to approve the addition was made by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle **Carried 6-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Gidget Groendyk asked if we had put the LGBT ordinance on the agenda. Bergman answered yes.

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

Moved by Maier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow to approve minutes of June 9, 2016. **Carried 6-0**

Moved by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maier to approve treasurer's report. **Carried 6-0**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion to approve the bills by Maier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow. **Carried 6-0**

**2. Assessor's Contract**

Clifford Turner did a presentation about some upcoming things happening in the assessing field, completion of digital photography, implementing of a new computer aided design program, will be receiving oblique photography in 2017, and we will be audited in 2020. Turner was requesting a 2% raise. This change would increase the monthly fee from the current rate of \$3,793.00 to \$3,900.00 commencing in September of this year and from \$3900.00 to \$4,000.00 commencing in September 2017. Goodfellow made a motion to approve the raise it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle. **Carried 6-0**

**3. Library Roof Bids**

There was one bid turned in for the library roof. It was from Arrow Roofing and Supply Inc. This is for the entire flat roof on the library. The bid was for a 20 year full system warranty. The North Roof was \$9172.00; The Lower Roof was \$27,148.00. Steffens made a motion to accept the bid from Arrow Roofing & Supply, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle. **Carried 6-0**

#### **4. L.G.B.T. Ordinance**

Gidget Groendyk presented the board with a copy of an ordinance that she would like to see passed. She thought the ordinance would give everyone more protection from discrimination in their employment and their place of residence. She stated that many Cities were passing ordinances like this one and she thought we also needed to pass one. The board informed Gidget that we are a township with very few businesses, we would like input from more township residents, and that we would keep it in mind for the future but at this time the board doesn't feel it's necessary.

#### **5. L.E.D. Interior Lighting S.T.H.C. request**

Maier moved to accept the quote from Northland Electric for \$1232.00 for the lighting for the Historical Research Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow.

**Carried 6-0**

#### **6. Quotes for the Township Remodel**

Savage presents quotes for the carpet, lighting, paint, and construction of two cupboards in the Township Hall basement. Steffens made a motion to accept the option #2 bid from Northland Electric for \$2496.00 and to except the bid from Lister Painting for \$3,237.00, and to accept the bid from Gem Construction for \$2400.00 and to get a quote from Rockford Flooring for the carpet and to leave it up to Savage to decide which bid to take from Rockford or from Town and Country Carpet. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 5-1  
Maier dissenting**

#### **7. Quote for Tree & Limb Removal, Greenwood and Fairplains Cemetery**

Goodfellow made a motion to accept the bid from Brower's Tree Service for \$3600.00, seconded by Maier.

**Carried 6-0**

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Maier has been working with John Chapmen over the last year and a half to get his yard cleaned up. He recently has taken him to court where it was decided that the Township could hire someone to clean it up and put the cost on his taxes. Maier received a quote to clean it up for \$1500.00 that included taking away the junk cars. Maier is going to talk to the attorney to see if we should send out another letter before we start the cleanup.

Steffens gave an update on the park.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Goodfellow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 6-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk