

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
160 E Division - Sparta MI 49345  
March 10, 2016

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

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

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA**

#12 Planning Commission recommendation rezoning from Ag 1 to Ag2

Motion to approve the agenda with the corrections by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle

**Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

-Gerald Miller from the Kent Conservation District informed us on some of their recent accomplishments.

-Aloe Guiles would like to see Greenwood Cemetery better cared for. She stated that the weed whacking was not done well or in a timely manner.

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

Motion by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle to approve the minutes of Feb 11, 2016

**Carried 7-0**

Motion by Shangle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffens to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Feb. 23, 2016

**Carried 7-0**

Motion by Steffens to approve the treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow

**Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE SPART TOWNSHIP BUDGET 2016-2017**

Dale Bergman, Supervisor opened the meeting at 7:12pm. Lois Lovell wanted to know if the Township Board had made any decisions about replacing the library roof.

Dale Bergman, Supervisor closed the hearing at 7:20 pm.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion by Goodfellow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle to approve the bills.

**Carried 7-0**

**2. Township Budget, Millage Rate & Salaries of Elected Officials**

It was recommended by the board to maintain the current millage rate. The elected officials' salaries will also remain the same. The township board also discussed that we should separate the elected officials duties and define what the statutory duties are and what the "extra" duties are and assign the wages that correspond. A motion was made by Shangle to raise the deputy treasure from \$15.00 to \$15.50 an hour and was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maier.

**Carried 7-0**

A motion was made by Savage and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle to raise the deputy clerk from \$13.00 to \$14.00 an hour.

**Carried 7-0**

**3. Amendment to the Private Road Ordinance**

The new ordinance will affect three current roads in the township. It was moved by Maier to approve the amendment that was recommended by the Planning Commission and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anderle .

**Carried 7-0**

#### **4. Park Funding**

Anderle moved that the board give \$15,000.00 from our budgeted funds to SRA seconded by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

#### **5. Survey Request: Matt Spencer**

Matt Spencer would like to donate a small portion of his property that the fence at Lisbon Cemetery is on. Spencer is requesting that the township pay for the required survey to split the property. Anderle made a motion to pay the \$350.00 to cover the cost of the survey, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffens.

**Carried 7-0**

#### **6. Right of First Refusal Ostman Property**

Buyer pulled out; no action required at this time.

#### **7. Tim Johnson Leaving Wade Trim**

Tim is back with his own business, Main Street Planning. The board also talked about Tim doing some training of the Planning Commission. Steffens made a motion to stick with Tim Johnson as our planner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

#### **8. Dates & Times for the Board of Review**

Bergman informed the Board of the dates and times for the upcoming meetings.

#### **9. H2 Oasis Contract**

Motion was made to approve the silver plan by Goodfellow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

#### **10. Resolution Request from Citizens United**

No action was taken

#### **11. Donation Request from Sparta Are Fair Assoc. for Town & Country Days**

Shangle made a motion to give \$1000.00 to the Sparta Fair Assoc. towards the information booklets to promote the township, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffens.

**Carried 7-0**

#### **12. Planning Commission Recommendation Rezoning from Ag2 to Ag1.**

Steffens made a motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation to change the zoning for the Guiles property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

#### **OTHER –INFORMATIONAL**

Shangle mentioned that there was a MTA Capital Conference on April 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> and thought it would be good for some of the Board members to attend.

Steffens would like to see Tom Antor do a presentation on farm land preservation.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Becker introduced himself and passed out some literature. He is running for Kent County Prosecutor . He has been a prosecutor for 21 years.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Steffens, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow

**Carried 7-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Savage, Township Clerk