

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
April 12, 2018

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, Jason Bradford and Rob Steffens

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:

Addition #6 Library Water Heater, #11 Joint Fire agreement subcommittee report. It was motioned by Goodfellow to approve the agenda with the additions and seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Shangle to approve minutes of March 8, 2018.

Carried 7-0

Moved by Steffens, 2nd by Momber to approve Treasurer's report.

Carried 7-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Shangle, 2nd by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

2. Introducing Kiwanis to the Community, Al and Dee Hudson

Al and Dee Hudson gave a presentation to the Board about Kiwanis and how it can help the kids in our community.

3. Update Zoning Map Cost

Bob Goodheart, engineer, attended the meeting and had an example of what he could do to update our current zoning maps. Shangle made a motion to update our zoning maps, including the parcel lines, not to exceed \$3500.00. It was seconded by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

4. Historical Research Building and Grounds improvements

Jim Lyals and Joanne VanderWerff presented a plan to the Board to beautify the Research Center's back yard. Their plan is to raise the \$10,000.00 to do the proposed landscaping. Lyals stated they have already raised 60% of the total. VanderWerff stated that they are still giving the pledged \$2500.00 to the Civic Center for the repaving of the parking lot. The Township Board wanted to make sure that the Historical Commission plans to cooperate with community events with access to the Township property and that the Historical Commission plans to maintain their new garden in the future.

It was motioned by Goodfellow to approve the landscaping plan for the Historical Commission back yard with the understanding that the Historical Commission will do the maintenance and will cooperate with community events that take place in the shared parking lot. It was seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

5. P.A. 116 Resolution: Richard and Barbara Shepard

It was motioned by Steffens and seconded by Goodfellow to approve the P.A.116 for Richard and Barbara Shepard at 12089 Phelps Ave, Sparta. **Carried 7-0**

6. Sparta Library Ceramic Tile/Water Heater

Lois Lovell presented quotes from Sparta Town and County Carpets and Welch Tile for the tile replacement in the library. It was motioned by Momber and seconded by Goodfellow to approve the Town & Country quote for \$6,163.94 to replace the tile. **Carried 7-0**

Discussed the quote for the water heater replacement. The Board asked for another quote to compare cost.

7. Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses

Clyde Sinclair did a presentation on K9 Camo Companions and how they provide trained animals for veterans. They are looking for a Raffle license to help raise funds for their cause. Shangle made a motion to approve the Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses. It was seconded by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

8. Planning Commission Recommendation on the Saur Property

Steffens gave some History on the Saur Property and was concerned how any of the surrounding property had ever been changed to AG 2. Shangle made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to change the Saur property to AG 2, it was seconded by Bradford.

Carried 6-1

Steffens Dissenting

9. New Deputy Clerk Wage Approval

Steffens made a motion to pay Erin Bormes, Deputy Clerk \$13.50 per hour. Seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

10. Purchase of Computers and Printer

Shangle made a motion to purchase the two computers and the color printer recommended by Savage it was seconded by Bradford.

Carried 7-0

11. Joint Fire Agreement Sub Committee Report

Shangle, Goodfellow and Savage presented the Revised Joint Agreement that the Sub Committee has agreed upon after going through the recommendations from the McGrath Study. The agreement presented had also been reviewed by the Township's Lawyer before it was presented to the Board. The Board was asked to review it and it will be voted on at a later meeting.

OTHER INFORMATION

Spring Clean up days are April 19-21

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Steffens and 2nd by Momber

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk