

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345  
August 9, 2018

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

**Members Present:** Dale Bergman, Rachel Shangle, Marcy Savage, Bill Goodfellow, Chad Momber, and Rob Steffens and Jason Bradford

**Members Absent:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

It was motioned by Goodfellow to approve the agenda with the addition of #6. Painting and Patching cement at the Historical Commission and #7. Joint Village Township meeting for Fire Department recommendations. It was seconded by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

Moved by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle to approve minutes of July 12, 2018.

**Carried 7-0**

Moved by Steffens, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Momber to approve Treasurer's report.

**Carried 7-0**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion to approve payment of the bills and to pay the three additional bills for Granger, Bloom and Slugget, and Carrie Niswonger by Shangle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow.

**Carried 7-0**

**2. Assessment Administration Presentation, Various Topics and Assessment Service Renewal**

Clifford Turner, Assessor, gave a presentation on Assessment Administration. (attached packet) He also presented the board with a new contract starting on September 2, 2018 – August 31, 2020. Savage made a motion to approve the contract for \$4100.00 for the first year and \$4200.00 for the second year. It was seconded by Goodfellow.

Turner recommended to the board that we pass Resolution 18-8 stating that Sparta Township supports equitable taxation and quality assessment administration. It was motioned to adopt Resolution 18-8 by Goodfellow and seconded by Shangle

**Carried 7-0**

**3. Letter for Lois Lovell**

Dale read Thank You letter from Lovell for the tile work done at the Library.

**4. Elite Apple Land Company LLC Request approval of a resolution approving the revised investment amounts for Certificate #2017-160.**

Steffens stated that Elite Apple is working on making the neighbors happy by installing the signs needed to let semi drivers know where to park and changing out the loud fan with a quieter one.

Shangle made a motion to amend resolution 17-11 changing the IFT amount to \$1,300,000 with the understanding Elite Apple will try to be a good neighbor. It was seconded by Momber. **Carried 6-0**  
**Steffens Abstaining**

**5. Policy for Use of Library and Historical Commission Property in Regards to Community Events**

The Historical Commission requested a policy to be written to help with communication when community events are happening around the Historical Commission Building. The Board asked the HC to write a proposed policy for review.

**6. Painting and Patching cement at Historical Commission**

Steffens made a motion to accept the bid from Lister Painting to paint the rear wall of the Historical Commission Building for \$395.00. It was seconded By Shangle. **Carried 7-0**

**7. Joint Village and Township meeting discussing Fire Department recommendations**

It was the consensus of the Board that the August 28<sup>th</sup> date would work best for the Township Board.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Dale asked the Board about a request from the Red Cross to collect donations for a man who had a house fire. The Board agreed that the Township should not sponsor this. Savage asked the board if the Township would like to retain a portion of money in an escrow account from the Insurance company for the house on 12 mile that had recently burned as insurance to having the property cleaned up. The Board decided it wasn't necessary.

Shangle mentioned to the Board about the upcoming MTA meetings and that it would be nice to have a group of us attend the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk