

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
October 11, 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, 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 Shangle to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Shangle to approve minutes of September 13, 2018

Carried 7-0

Moved by Goodfellow, 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 Goodfellow, 2nd by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

2. Historical Commission Recommendations for the use of the Research Facility and grounds (policy)

The proposed policy was discussed, and it was the consensus of the Board that due to the extra insurance liability and the priceless contents of the Research Facility that we did not want the Building or parking lot to be rented. The Board did not feel that a policy was needed. We will encourage communication among community groups who use the common parking area.

3. Historical Commission Request: Separate water meter for the garden park area

It was discussed, and the Board decided it wasn't a meter issue for the large water bills but a leak of some sort. The Historical commission was asked to investigate the leak before we made a decision on the water meter.

4. Larry's Resignation Letter

It was moved by Shangle and seconded by Steffens to accept Larry Carters' resignation from the Historical Commission Board.

Carried 7-0

5. Planning Commission Reappointments

Goodfellow made a motion to reappoint Mark Vanderwerff to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, ending September of 2021, it was seconded by Bradford. **Carried 7-0**

Goodfellow made a motion to reappoint Don Doyle to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term, ending September of 2021, it was seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

Bergman made a recommendation to the Board to appoint Ken Humphreys to the Planning Commission Board. A motion was made by Steffens and seconded by Shangle to appoint Ken Humphreys to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending September of 2021. **Carried 7-0**

6. Fire Board Appointments

Due to the Revised Fire Agreement we need to appoint 2 Board members to the Fire Board as of Jan 1, 2019, and a 3rd person who can be a Board Member or Township resident. Bergman and Goodfellow want to remain on the Fire Board, Bradford and Momber do not.

The Board decided that they would like to seek a citizen at large to be appointed to the Fire Board. It will be advertised in the paper and on the Sparta Communications page.

Shangle made a motion to table the appointments until next month and it was seconded by Bradford.

Carried 7-0

Shangle Excused Herself at 7:45

7. Insurance Policy Quote

Savage presented the quotes from BHS and Oliver Vandyk Insurance. It was motioned by Savage and seconded by Momber to continue with BHS for the Township Insurance. **Carried 6-0**

8. Plantings in Library Park, Sue Blackall

Sue Blackall gave an update on the Nash Creek and Sparta Trails Project. She also asked the Board about an Area in the Sparta Library Park that could use some plantings. She is requesting \$800.00 to be invoiced in May of 2019 to complete this project. Goodfellow made a motion to approve the \$800.00 to improve the library park, it was seconded by Momber. **Carried 6-0**

9. Jim Thorington, Electrical Inspector Hire

Steffens made a motion to hire Jim Thorington as Electrical Inspector, it was seconded by Savage.

Carried 6-0

OTHER INFORMATION

Rob gave an update about the SARA park. Things are progressing, just slowly due to the Grant situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Savage and 2nd by Momber

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk