

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345  
May 9, 2019

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, Jason Bradford, Rob Steffens, and Chad Momber

**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 with the addition of #6 Debris, Litter Library Garden Maintenance. It was seconded by Goodfellow.

**Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

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

Moved by Shangle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Momber to approve minutes of April 11, 2019

**Carried 7-0**

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

**Carried 7-0**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion to approve payment of the bills with the additions of Water Works, Bloom and Slugget, Algoma Township, Carrot-top industries, and Granger invoices by Shangle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow. **Carried 7-0**

**2. Spectrum Health Tax Appeal-Possible Agreement-Kevin Green and Cliff Turner**

Turner did a presentation to the board about Property Tax Litigation. He explained that there are several Jurisdictions that are looking to join in a defense and common interest agreement against Spectrum Health. Shangle made a motion to join the coalition to fight Spectrum Health Tax litigation and not to exceed \$10,000.00. It was seconded by Steffens.

**Carried 7-0**

**3. Wind Ordinance: Planning Commission Recommendation (Tabled from last month's meeting)**

It was motioned by Goodfellow and seconded by Shangle to send the Wind Ordinance back to the Planning Commission to review the recommendations from Mary Reilly from MSU School of Planning, Design & Construction.

**Carried 7-0**

**5. Ordinance Book**

Savage informed the Board that Municode had a hidden administration fee that started in 3 years. She recommended to the board that we go with American Legal Publishing instead. It was motioned by Goodfellow and seconded by Shangle to have American Legal Publishing do our recodification and legal review of our ordinance book.

**Carried 6-1  
Berman Dissenting**

## **6. Debris and Litter Maintenance at Library Park**

It was decided that we were going to ask the Library Board and employees and work with them to help keep the Library Park picked up from litter and trash. The Board would like to keep the park looking great especially on weeks we have events in that area.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Steffens gave an update on the SRA park.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Green stated that he has been living in Sparta for 7 years and wants to be part of the community. He had attended some of the SRA meetings and is very impressed with what is going on there.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Goodfellow and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk