

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
July 11, 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 Goodfellow to approve the agenda; it was 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 June 13, 2019

Carried 7-0

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Bradford to approve the Treasurers report.

Carried 7-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

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

Carried 7-0

2. Historical Museum Security System

Tim Shangle and Joanne Vanderwerff presented the board with a proposal for a new security system with better technology and less expensive, to be installed at the Museum and the Research Center.

Steffens made a motion for the Township purchase the new Security Hardware for \$715.00 and the Historical Commission pay the yearly Monitoring fee of \$360.00. It was seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

Joanne Vanderwerff also asked the Board if they would be willing to pay to have the remaining 2+ sides painted on the research center. Shangle made a motion for the Historical Commission to get a couple quotes and Bergman can choose from the quotes if under \$2,000.00. It was seconded by Bradford.

Carried 7-0

3. Road Closing 5 K Run

Allison Flegel and Steve Ridders requested that the Board approve a road closure on Division from Broman to Hull and 14 mile from Long Lake to Division on August 31st, 2019 from 7:45am to 9:15 am for a 5K road race. It was motioned by Shangle to approve the requested road closure and it was seconded by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

4. Wind Ordinance: PC recommendation

Bradford made a motion to accept the planning commission recommendation for Ordinance 19-3, an ordinance to amend the Sparta Township Zoning ordinance, as amended, to amend the requirements for Wind Energy Systems. It was seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

5. Township Planner

Bergman informed the Board that the current Township Planner Tim Johnson from Main Street planning resigned. He also informed the Board he had two new Planners that would like to work for the Township. It was the consensus of the Board to have Bergman call the two candidates and set up a time the following week for interviews so we could get someone quickly as there are some current projects that require a Planner.

6. Library Power & Water Hook-up

Lois Lovell let the Board know that the Library Board has agreed to let the carnival employees hook up to the library's water and electric. Shangle made a motion to let the Carnival hook up to the Library's water and electric, it was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

7. Rusco Properties/ Paul Rogers rezoning 9440 Sparta Ave. from C-1 to C-2

Planning Commission recommended the Board approve the rezoning of the 1.82 acres located at 9440 Sparta Ave from C-1 to C-2. Shangle made a motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation and approve ordinance No 19-4 to rezone the property owned by Paul Rogers and/or Rusco Properties which is commonly known as 9440 Sparta Ave, from C-1 to C-2 Highway commercial zoning. It was seconded by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

8. Greenwood Cemetery Tree Removal Quote

Goodfellow approved the quote for the removal of two trees from Greenwood Cemetery from Brower Tree Removal for \$3,600.00. It was seconded by Bradford.

Carried 7-0

9. Adjustment of escrow for "Hidden Prairie" PUD for a new planner "learning process"

It was the consensus of the Board to not charge Sparta South LLC escrow for a new planner to review the project for Hidden Prairie.

OTHER INFORMATION

-Wed. July 17th Popsicles in the Park at 7:00.

-Steffens gave an update on the SRA park. Grants bids have been accepted and the work will start on the paving and ball field the 1st or 2nd week in August.

-Shangle informed the Board that our policy states we should treat others with dignity and respect and that there have been some angry confrontations in the office that have not brought honor to our public offices and she would like those involved to be more professional in their actions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Goodfellow and 2nd by Shangle

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk