

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
September 12, 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, Rob Steffens, and Chad Momber, Jason Bradford

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA

Corrections: Strike #3 and #4, Add: #3 SRA request, Shangle made a motion to add Township office hours and concerns and to approve the agenda with the additions, it was seconded by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Goodfellow, 2nd by Momber to approve minutes of August 8, 2019

Carried 7-0

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

Carried 7-0

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

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

Carried 7-0

2. P.O.W., M.I.A. Resolution

Goodfellow made a motion to adopt POW/MIA Resolution No. 19-6 it was seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

3. SRA Request

Greg Peak and Rob Steffens gave a presentation to the Board about the SRA Park. They stated that the project was short about \$180,000-\$200,000 to complete the project through the first phase. Peak requested the Township Board contribute \$150,000 toward this. Goodfellow made a motion that we contribute \$100,000 toward the completion of phase1 of the SRA park. It was seconded by Shangle.

Carried 7-0

4. STHS Research Facility Sanitary and Storm Water Lines Quotes

Shangle made a motion to table this until Bergman gets a couple more bids and to check if it can be bundled with other village projects to save money. It was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

5. Sparta Library Fascia

Goodfellow made a motion to have Dave Cole Decorating to do a test sample this fall on the Library Fascia and if it works well to give the job to them. It was seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

6. New Computer

Goodfellow made a motion to replace the Deputy Treasurer's Computer for \$1,000.00 or less, to be ordered and set up by Silver Linings Computer Services. It was seconded by Shangle. **Carried 7-0**

7. Township Office Hours and Concerns

The Board discussed office staff concerns with Bergman's behavior in the office over the last few months. There was also brought up several issues that have occurred recently concerning Zoning administration. Bradford made a motion to use Fresh Coast Planning immediately to do our Zoning administration at a fee of \$55.00 per hour. It was seconded by Shangle. **Carried 7-0**

The issue of the Supervisor's pay for additional duties without Zoning Administration was tabled until next month so the Clerk could get some comparisons from other local Supervisors.

OTHER INFORMATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Whalen thanked the board for donating to SRA and was concerned for all involved in the Township office issues.

Mike Savage asked what is going to happen the next time there are concerns in the office. Board Trustees said that they should be notified immediately.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Goodfellow and 2nd by Steffens

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk