

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345  
January 9, 2020

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

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

**Members Absent:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA**

It was motioned by Goodfellow and seconded by Shangle to approve the agenda with moving Spectrum Tax Settlement after the approval of the Bills

**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 December 12, 2019.

**Carried 7-0**

Moved by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Momber to approve the Treasurers report.

**Carried 7-0**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Momber, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle.

**Carried 7-0**

**2. Spectrum Tax Settlement**

Jessica Wood from Dickinson Wright was present. It was motioned by Goodfellow and seconded by Shangle, to go into closed session as permitted by Section 8 (h) of the Open Meeting Act to discuss a written legal opinion from counsel which is exempt from discussion or disclosure by state statute.

Roll Call Vote, Bradford-Yes, Goodfellow-Yes, Savage-Yes, Bergman-Yes, Shangle-Yes, Steffens-Yes, Momber -Yes.

**Carried 7-0**

**CLOSED SESSION at 7:14**

**RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING at 8:05**

Goodfellow made the motion that the Township Board approve on behalf of the Township of Sparta an agreement as discussed in closed session and authorize the Supervisor, Assessor and Clerk Savage to take all actions necessary to effectuate this approval.

**Carried 6-1**

Shangle Dissenting

### **3. Cyber Insurance**

It was the consensus of the Board not to pursue Cyber Insurance currently.

### **4. Outdoor Gathering Ordinance revisions**

It was motioned by Goodfellow to approve the new Outdoor Gathering Ordinance Revisions and it was seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

### **5. Clean Up Days**

Clean up days in Sparta will be April 23, 24, and 25. It was the consensus of the board to participate.

### **6. Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointments**

A. Bob Mead- Goodfellow made a motion to reappoint Bob Mead to ZBA with his term ending in 3 years on September of 2022. It was seconded by Savage. **Carried 7-0**

B. Terry May-Steffens made a motion to reappoint Terry May to ZBA with his term ending in 3 years on September of 2022. It was seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

C. Mike Lockard- Savage made the motion to reappoint Mike Lockard to ZBA as an alternate with his term ending in 3 years on September 2022. It was seconded by Bradford. **Carried 7-0**  
It was also mentioned by Terry Jost that the ZBA voted to meet the following month after a meeting to sign the Decision and Order and approve the minutes, since there are so few ZBA meetings.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Conference is in April if anyone would like to attend.

Steffens gave an update on the SRA park and said the garage door was installed on the concession building and the windows and doors are going on soon. Steffens also reported they had a \$100,000. unexpected donation.

Goodfellow made a motion to have the Budget Workshop meeting on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. It was seconded by Shangle. **Carried 7-0**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Momber and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk