

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345
March 12, 2020

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

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

Members Absent: Bill Goodfellow

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA

It was motioned by Shangle and seconded by Steffens to approve the agenda.

Carried 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Shangle, 2nd by Steffens to approve minutes as presented of February 13, 2020 **Carried 7-0**

Moved by Shangle, 2nd by Momber to approve the Budget Workshop minutes from Feb. 27, 2020.

Carried 7-0

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

Carried 7-0

2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing Starting at 7:05

Bergman gave a presentation about the proposed budget. There was no public comment. The public hearing was closed at 7:11

Bill Goodfellow arrived at 7:06

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

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

Carried 7-0

2. C.D.B.G. Park Grant Presentation -Sue Blackall

Sue Blackall gave a presentation on the 3 grants received from C.D.B.G. \$139,500 for a Nature Trail, \$71,000 for a Playground and Pavilion and \$72,000 for a multiuse field. Totaling \$282,500. Sue put in countless hours for this grant and was appreciated with applause from the board.

3. 2020-2021 Budget Approval

A. Salary Approval Twp. Supervisor

Goodfellow made a motion to approve the Supervisor's salary as submitted \$24,993.16 (a 13% raise) for all Supervisor duties, with nothing considered as additional duties. It was seconded by Momber.

Roll call Vote: Bradford-Yes, Momber-Yes, Steffens- No, Goodfellow-yes, Savage-No, Shangle-No, Bergman-Yes.
Carried 4-3

B. Salary Approval Twp. Clerk

C. Salary Approval Twp. Treasurer

An explanation was given to the Board that the Supervisor was not recommending any wage increase for the Clerk and the Treasurer in his proposed budget. After some discussion Bradford made a motion to approve a cost of living increase of 3% to the Clerk and the Treasurer making their annual wage \$37,000. It was seconded by Steffens.

Roll Call Vote: Momber-yes, Shangle-yes, Steffens-yes, Bradford-yes, Goodfellow-yes, Savage-yes, Bergman-yes.
Carried 7-0

D. Salary Approval for Twp. Trustees

Steffens made a motion to not change the Trustees wages. It was seconded by Bradford.

Carried 7-0

Goodfellow made a motion to approve the Budget with the changes to the Clerk and Treasurers Salary It was seconded by Momber.

Roll Call vote: Momber-Yes, Shangle-yes, Steffens-yes, Bradford-yes, Goodfellow-yes, Savage-yes, Bergman-yes.
Carried 7-0

4. Appointments to the Sparta Township Historical Commission

Joanne Vanderwerff from the Historical Commission asked the Board to approve Mike Metzgar to the Historical Commission Board. Mike is not a Sparta Resident at this time but has been in the past and is very interested in Sparta history.

Shangle made a motion to appoint Mike Metzgar to the Historical Commission Board for a 3-year term ending 3/2023. It was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 7-0

Shangle made a motion to reappoint Jamie Brooks for another 3-year term ending 3/2023. It was seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

There are 2 remaining unfilled positions, as Vansyckle and Shangle do not wish to be reappointed and their terms have expired. This leaves 7 members, 3 of whom are non-residents.

5. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Dates-Resolution

Shangle made a motion to approve the Resolution having the ZBA and Planning Commission terms start September 1st and end on August 31st serving for a 3-year term, as has been our tradition. It was seconded by Steffens.

Carried 7-0

6. Water Works Contracts

Steffens made a motion to approve the Lawn Sprinkler Service agreement and the 2020 Landscape Maintenance proposal minus the Lawn Maintenance. It was seconded by Momber.

Carried 7-0

7. Revisions to Section 8.13 (Migrant Farm Labor Housing) Tabled from Feb. Meeting

There was some discussion about having the time frame being removed from the ordinance of when housing can be inhabited due to the changes in how Farmers are employing workers now. There are also some of the Board member who would like to see the set back set to 100' not 200' It was sent back to the Planning Commission for reconsideration.

OTHER INFORMATION

Steffens gave an update on the SRA Project, and asked for information regarding the Sable project.
Savage gave an update on the South Sparta LLC project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Goodfellow and 2nd by Shangle.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk