

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Sparta Township Board
CIVIC CENTER
75 N. Union, Sparta
AND
On Line Zoom Meeting 7:00
June 11, 2020

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

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

Members Absent: Jason Bradford

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Moved by Shangle, 2nd by Steffens to approve the minutes of the March 12th, 2020 meeting.

Carried 6-0

Moved by Steffens, 2nd by Shangle to approve the minutes of the April 9th, 2020 meeting with the attached addendum that was presented by Shangle.

Carried 6-0

Moved by Momber and 2nd by Savage to approve the Treasurer's report.

Carried 6-0

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR SPARTA TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Candidates for Township Board that were present at the meeting introduced themselves and gave a brief description about themselves and why they would like to be elected. They included, Annalicia Barnum - Supervisor, Nick Curtis - Supervisor, Elaine Koren - Clerk, Amber Lewis -Treasurer, Barb Johnson -Trustee, Bill Goodfellow - Trustee, Chad Momber - Trustee, Rob Steffens -Trustee, Rachel Shangle - Treasurer, Marcy Savage - Clerk, and Dale Bergman - Supervisor. Bergman mentioned that Supervisor candidate Christine Robinson and Trustee candidate Mike Lamb, had notified him that they were unable to attend the meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approval of the Bills

-Shangle advised that the attorney payment from last month is being held for a revised invoice, per the e-mail from the attorney.

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

Carried 6-0

-It was the consensus of the Board to not add any additional class package options to the MTA bill.

2. Sue Blackall

Shangle made a motion to approve the work that Sue Blackall is doing in the library park. It was seconded by Goodfellow.

Carried 6-0

3. Budget Projections

Shangle gave an update from the State. As of right now our Budget has a positive balance of about \$23,500. With the projected shortfall in Revenue Sharing from the State it will put us with a negative balance of \$25,000. Due to the Townships ample fund balance, it was the consensus of the Board to not do any budget amendments at this time and to monitor it closely as more information is released.

4. Review of Ordinance Codification

It was the consensus of the Board to continue with the current review with Savage, Shangle and Bergman and when the Township receives a final draft to have the Zoning Administrator do a more in-depth review.

5. Peach Ridge Road Work

It was the consensus of the Board to move ahead with the budgeted amount for the Kent County Road Commission project on Peach Ridge Ave, which was reconsidered due to the projected shortfall of income.

6. Election Equipment Purchase

Savage informed the Board about the changes in the upcoming elections with a much larger than normal amount of Absentee ballot applications being sent and returned. The current drop box at the Township Hall is insufficient for the larger volume and the absentee counting board is also going to need an additional tabulator to count the larger number of Absentee ballots.

Shangle made a motion to purchase the new Drop box from Home Depot totaling \$809.79. It was seconded by Savage. Shangle's husband volunteered to install it.

Carried 6-0

It was motioned by Shangle and seconded by Steffens to purchase the tabulator totaling \$5,295.00 with the understanding 50% should be covered by a grant from the State.

Carried 6-0

7. Cemetery Trees

The Greenwood Cemetery and the Library Park had multiple trees down from the storm. Bergman received a quote from Brower Tree Service for \$7,000 to clean up Greenwood Cemetery. It was motioned by Shangle and seconded by Momber to have Brower Tree Service do the clean up at the Greenwood Cemetery and the Library Park.

Carried 6-0

OTHER INFORMATION

Steffens gave an update on the park. Lots of trees had fallen in the storm and he and other Park Board members were cleaning them up on Saturday. Park is now being mowed twice a week. Eagle Scout Ryan is working on the memorial portion of the park. The SRA board is also look at purchasing security cameras.

Clean-up Days have been rescheduled for Thursday July 30th thru Saturday August 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Bergman requested the zoom meetings be added to the website. It was the consensus of the Board that they would be added to the website.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Momber and 2nd by Savage.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk