

Minutes of the Sparta Township Board
Regular Meeting of January 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Virtual Via Zoom Media

Present: Township Supervisor Dale Bergman; Township Treasurer Rachel Shangle; Township Clerk Marcy Savage; Trustees Jason Bradford, Bill Goodfellow, Barb Johnson, and Rob Steffens

Also Present: Attorney Clifford H. Bloom of Bloom Sluggett, P.C.

Call to Order-Bergman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance-The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda-Motion by Steffens, second by Goodfellow to approve the agenda with as amended. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment- None

Approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report- Motion by Goodfellow, second by Shangle to approve the minutes of December 10, 2020. Motion carries unanimously. Motion by Goodfellow, second by Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Approval of the Bills- Motion by Steffens, second by Shangle to approve the bills as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Policy Regarding Virtual Meetings-Attorney Bloom presented the updated draft of the policy with two possible alternatives. Motion by Savage to adopt option "B". Second by Bradford. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Hidden Prairie-a lawsuit has been filed by the developer challenging the validity of the referendum petitions. Attorney Bloom gave some general information about the process that will be followed. Motion by Goodfellow to authorize Attorney Bloom to accept the serving of legal documents on behalf of the Township and Township officials. Second by Shangle. Motion carries unanimously.

Board of Review Appointments-Motion by Bradford, second by Goodfellow to reappoint Bill Taylor for a 2 year term on the Board of Review. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Johnson, second by Savage to reappoint Rick Shepard to a 2 year term on the Board of Review. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Bradford, second by Shangle to reappoint Chris Brown for a 2 year term on the Board of Review. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Bradford, second by Johnson to reappoint Tim Driscoll to a 2 year term as an alternate on the Board of Review.

Bergman will verify there are not conflicts pertaining to non-compatibility with other public offices held.

Budget Workshop-A budget workshop will be held on February 25th at 4:00 p.m. Members may attend virtually.

Postage Meter-Clerk Savage presented information on a postage meter that needed to be replaced and options for purchase and maintenance. Motion by Shangle that the upgraded version be purchased, but that the maintenance contract not be included at this time. Second by Steffens. Motion carries unanimously.

Other Business/Information-renewal of the web support contract was presented.

Public Comment-None

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Redding, Recording Secretary