

Minutes of the Sparta Township Board
Regular Meeting of August 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Sparta Township Hall, Sparta, Michigan and 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: IT Specialist Ken Shangle, and Recording Secretary Jan Redding

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 Shangle to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment- None

Approval of the Minutes and Treasurer's Report-

July 8, 2021-motion by Shangle to approve the minutes with the following correction:

"Zoom Meeting Policy-there was discussion of whether or not to continue offering recording Board meetings virtually via Zoom."

Second by Johnson, motion carries unanimously.

July 22, 2021-motion by Shangle, second by Savage to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-motion by Steffens, second Johnson to approve as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Freedom Cruise-tabled as the presenter was not at the meeting.

Planning Commission Re-appointments-Supervisor Bergman presented his nominations for planning commission. There was discussion of the process for appointing members to the commission, and a review of the nominees qualifications. Some Board members expressed interest in reviewing some of the other applicants in order to bring some new people to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Goodfellow, second by Bergman to re-appoint Don Doyle. Aye-Steffens, Bradford, Goodfellow, Bergman. Nay- Johnson, Savage, Shangle. Motion carries 4-3.

Motion by Goodfellow, second by Savage to re-appoint Ken Humphreys. Aye-Steffens, Bradford, Goodfellow, Johnson, Savage, Bergman. Nay- Shangle. Motion carries 6-1.

Motion by Goodfellow, second by Bergman to re-appoint Mark VanderWerff. Aye- Goodfellow, Bergman. Nay-Steffens, Bradford, Savage, Johnson, Shangle. Motion defeated 2-5.

Motion by Savage, second by Johnson to appoint Dale Flanery to the Planning Commission. Aye- Steffens, Bradford, Johnson, Savage, Shangle, Bergman. Nay- Goodfellow. Motion carries 6-1.

Linville Property Re-Zoning-Motion by Johnson, second by Savage to approve Ordinance _____ amending the zoning ordinance and zoning map for parcel 41-05-023-401-020. Motion carries with unanimous roll call vote.

Library Kitchenette-Item tabled in order to get more quotes.

Conflict of Interest Policy-motion by Johnson, second by Shangle to adopt the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. Adoption is tied to funding that will be received through the American Rescue Plan Act. A value limit of \$20.00 will be set in Paragraph B-Gifts. Motion carries unanimously.

Riverview Mobile Home Park Resolution-tabled

PDR Request for Bradford-motion by Steffens, second by Johnson to approve the application for Purchase of Development Rights submitted by Linda Bradford. Motion carries 6-0, with Bradford abstaining.

Public Involvement in ARPA Funding-the Board discussed the process of reviewing options for spending the monies available in the ARPA program. Some clarification is needed on what expenditures will qualify for reimbursement. A workshop meeting may be set up, and possibly a public forum.

John Hascher Property- Steffens, Goodfellow and Bergman met with property owner to discuss purchase of land adjacent to Fairplains Cemetery for the purpose of expanding the cemetery. There are currently limited burial sites available, and this is the only vacant property near any of the Township cemeteries. Motion by Steffens, second by Johnson to purchase 9.3 acres for \$125,000. Motion carries unanimously.

Informational Items- there was discussion of continued non-compliance on property owned by Chad Momber.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Redding, Recording Secretary