

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Sparta Township Board  
160 E. Division - Sparta MI 49345  
January 11, 2018

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

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

**Members Absent:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE BUSINESS AGENDA:**

Goodfellow made a motion to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Shangle. **Carried 7-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Dave Cummings was present and let the Board know he is very concerned about the Fire Department and how it is run. Cummings would like to see more of the recommendations done that were addressed in the Fire Department Study. He was also there to let us know that he had a situation recently that the Fire Department came to his house for a Med 3 call when all he really wanted was an ambulance. He feels having the Fire Department going to Med 3 calls is unnecessary. State Trooper Scott Wilber was asked about how he feels about the fire department. He stated that when he is at an accident he calls dispatch and they determine who they send. He feels the police work well with the Fire Department and really appreciates the Fire Department when they help with traffic control.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Moved by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle to approve minutes of December 14, 2017. **Carried 7-0**

Moved by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steffens to approve Treasurer's report. **Carried 7-0**

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**1. Approval of the Bills**

Motion to approve payment of the bills by Goodfellow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shangle. **Carried 7-0**

**2. Approve the dates for Board of Review**

It was motioned by Shangle to approve the Board of Review dates as submitted, and seconded by Steffens. (see attached dates) **Carried 7-0**

**3. Set a date for the Budget Workshop**

It was moved by Steffens and seconded by Momber to hold the Budget Workshop meeting on Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 in the Main office meeting room.

**Carried 7-0**

**4. Request for Joint Village and Township meeting date**

It was the consensus of the Board to hold a joint meeting with the Village Council to discuss the recommendations of the Fire Department Study. Three possible dates were proposed; Bergman will coordinate with the Village Council.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Bergman contacted Dar Bass at Kent County DPW and was told the Alpine Ave. former dump site was used for industrial waste and was monitored by the Health Dept. Bas informed Bergman that there was no record that Wolverine brought sludge to the dump. The DEQ is now doing some testing for PFAS. Dar Bass gave Bergman his direct line for questions 616-632-7919.

Savage asked the Board if they would like her to get some quotes for the Township's insurance now or wait until it is up for renewal. Goodfellow made a motion for Savage to get some quotes now and it was seconded by Momber. **Carried 7-0**

Shangle informed the Board about the MTA meeting January 31<sup>st</sup> and the Conference in April to see if anyone would like to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

State Trooper Scott Wilber had a meeting with the Post commander to look at the problems with accidents on M-37 and M-57. They are considering this problem and are hoping to find some solutions soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Steffens and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Goodfellow  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Savage, Sparta Township Clerk