

Spurr Township Board Meeting
Spurr Township Hall
29257 US HWY 41
Michigamme, MI 49861



March 15, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Jason Killoran at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. ROLL CALL
Spurr Township Board Members: Supervisor, Jason Killoran, Clerk, Jessica Omernick, Trustee, Joel LePage and Trustee, Dennis Benti. Absent: Treasurer, Tammy Marier, Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Motion made by Trustee, LePage to approve agenda, seconded by Trustee, Benti. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- February 15, 2023, regular board meeting- Motion made by Trustee, Benti to approve the minutes with the date changed at the top to be February 15, 2023, instead of January 18, 2023, seconded by Trustee, LePage. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - a. Motion made by Trustee, Benti to approve the Accounts Payable of \$19,649.83 seconded by Trustee, LePage. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VII. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. Clerk, Omernick gave the General Fund Balance Sheet report and will work with the accountant on reporting the equity fund balances and tax receivable balances for the liquor law, fire, road, sanitation, cemetery, and public improvement funds.
 - b. Supervisor, Killoran gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Treasurer, Marier.
 - i. The township cannot accept any more tax payments. All taxes will now have to be paid at the county.
 - c. Supervisor, Killoran gave the fire board update. The firefighters want to go ahead with a yearly bonus instead of money being put into a retirement account. They would like to revisit on a biennial basis. This will have to get voted on at a joint meeting with Michigamme. The fire department is requesting \$14,500 from Spurr township for their annual budget. During the meeting they also elected new offices as follows:
 - i. Chief: Joe Perry
 - ii. Assistant Chief: Grad DeLongchamp

- iii. Secretary/Treasurer: Anna Loup
- iv. Chief Engineer: Ray Suring
- v. 2nd Engineer: Kyle Loup
- vi. 3rd Engineer: Ed Warren
- vii. Training Officer: John Gregg
- d. On June 17th there is a planned rescue boat fundraiser at the park in Michigamme. Local business and a boaters safety class will be put on by the DNR.
- e. Supervisor, Killoran gave an update on behalf of Zoning Administrator, Mike Simula.
 - i. Verizon Wireless surveyed the land for the new cell tower site. There will need to be a public hearing before any decisions can be made.
- f. Assessor, Jim Fedie was not in attendance. Supervisor Killoran gave an update for assessor, Jim Fedie. During the Board of Review meetings held on 3/13 and 3/15 there were 2 appeals and 7 veteran exemptions.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

IX. Correspondence

- a. Clerk Omernick presented the board with the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors Elections. Only member representatives from each governmental entity are eligible. Nominations are due May 5, 2023.
- b. U.P.S.E.T. (Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team) is seeking funding to assist with operating expenses as it does not receive any from the state. Motion made by Supervisor, Killoran and seconded by Trustee, Bentti to donate \$500 to U.P.S.E.T and that will come out of the public improvement fund.

X. OLD BUSINESS- public comment after each agenda item.

- a. ORV Trail System Update- No new update.
- b. Recycling Program Update
 - i. Supervisor, Killoran gave an update. It will take 6-8 weeks for production of the new dumpsters. There will need to be education for the township and signage made for the dumpsters which will be located at the township hall. A key that cannot be duplicated will be issued to taxpayers because the dumpsters will be locked.
- c. Ohio Mine Culvert Update
 - i. Supervisor, Killoran stated that there has been no new update since last month's meeting.
- d. ARPA Funds Allocated
 - i. A list of items that ARPA funds can be used to pay for will be discussed at the regular board meeting in April.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Building Permit Fees- Supervisor Killoran presented new building permit fee costs. The building inspector will look at the fees prior to the township board approving them.

- b. Beaufort Lake Boat Launch/Dock; KBIC Grant. The township will submit a grant to the KBIC to provide funds for part of the boat launch. There was a request to add dredging to the grant. There is request for quote to JAM service out of Three Lakes to provide the Flo roll in dock and installation and takeout for 5 years.
- c. A budget workshop meeting will be on Monday April 24th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.
- d. Flood Insurance- Supervisor, Killoran attended FEMA's flood insurance meeting in L'Anse last week. FEMA will have a finalized product by the summer of 2024 and the township would have 6 months to buy into the program. Homeowners would then be able to get flood insurance, however this can be very expensive.
- e. Monthly Board Meeting Dates. It was recommended that the monthly board meeting be changed from the 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Monday of the month. A resolution for the change will be presented and approved at the May monthly board meeting.

XII. Public Comment- None

XIII. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Michigamme/Spurr Fire board meeting April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Michigamme Firehall
- b. Joint Michigamme/Spurr Township Meeting Wednesday April 5, 2023, 6:00 at Spurr Township Hall
- c. Spurr Township Planning Commission Meeting Thursday April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- d. Spurr Township Board Meeting Wednesday April 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm at Spurr Township Hall

XIV. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Supervisor, Killoran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk