

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



September 18, 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, Treasurer, Tammy Marier, Trustee, Joel LePage and Trustee, Dennis Benti, Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Motion made by Trustee, LePage to approve agenda seconded by Clerk, Omernick. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- August 21, 2023, Regular Board Meeting- Motion made by Trustee, Benti to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee, LePage. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - a. Motion made by Trustee, Benti to approve Accounts Payable of \$32,306.23 and seconded by Trustee, LePage. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VII. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. Clerk Report- Clerk, Omernick gave the Balance Sheet by Class update as of 9/17/23. It was requested to provide an itemized expense report at next month's board meeting. Also, at October's meeting the Q1 2023/2024 budget report will be reviewed by the board.
 - b. Treasurer- Treasurer, Marier gave an update. 9/14/23 was the last to pay summer taxes without penalty. A lot of taxes have been paid. The check reader went down this week and a new one is being overnited. Taxes have been posted however residents may not see that their checks have been cleared due to the check reader being down. The Treasurer, Marier is meeting with the county and discussing how and if the township can collect taxes via credit card.
 - c. Fire board- Supervisor Killoran read the fire board minutes from the 9.5.23 meeting. There were no bills in August. The fire department is currently requesting bids for 6 air packs. During the national Night out this summer, they received a \$5k donation and in total they have received approximately \$12k towards the new rescue boat. Spurr Township received a grant for \$10,000 to go

towards the fire department and Michigamme is still waiting to hear if they received the grant they submitted for.

- d. Planning commission- There is no update as there was not a meeting in September.
- e. Zoning Administrator- ZA, Simula gave an update. The requests for building permits have been slowing down. He approved one this past month for a new garage/addition on Petticoat.
- f. Assessor- There was no new update.

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

- a. Recycling update- The security cameras for the dumpsters are on order, however there is not an installation date yet. The township is waiting to hear back from Waste Management to pick up the one full dumpster. Residents can still drop off recycling during office hours which are posted online.
- b. ORV Update- Supervisor, Killoran attended the Trail Authority meeting on 9.4.23 and provided the board with an update on the ORV trails. C&N to meet in Canada to discuss giving the old railroad tracks to the trail authority. The Trail Authority will meet on Tuesday 9.19.23 to announce big news. The trail will not be state sponsored until 7.1.24. The signs that have been installed will remain in place, but the trails will not open.
- c. Ohio Mine Culvert Update- There is no new update since the sister said she was going to talk to EGLE about the permit.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

i. Short Term Rentals

- 1. At the August regular board meeting a potential applicant expressed his interest in applying for a short-term rental permit, however there are no more permits available per the ordinance. Since that meeting there has been no feedback from the public regarding increasing the number of permits available for issue. There also have been no complaints issued to the township board since the ordinance has been in place since the summer of 2022. The board discussed in length to increase the number of permits from ten to fifteen.
- 2. Motion made by Treasurer, Marier to increase the number of permits to fifteen and seconded by Trustee, Bentti. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

ii. Snow Removal Bids

- 1. The Township will be accepting bids for the 2023/2024 season until 3:00pm on 10.12.23. A notice regarding requirements for acceptable bids will be published in the L'Anse Sentinel and posted on the bulletin board outside of the Township office.

iii. Township Hall Building Use Policy

- 1. Supervisor, Killoran requested that the township board review the current building use policy and suggest that it gets updated. The

board will review ideas for updates at the October regular board meeting.

iv. 9 Days of Early Voting Starting Next Election (2/27/24)

1. Clerk, Omernick gave an update on the new 9 days of early voting. The 9 days will begin 2 Saturdays before the election and will end on the Sunday before the election. There will still be the day of the election from 7:00am-8:00pm. Baraga County and the townships are still working on a municipal agreement for the early voting sites and other logistics. The clerk will update the board as she receives more definite information.

X. Public Comment- Three Minutes

- a. None

XI. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Michigamme/Spurr Fire board meeting Tuesday October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Michigamme Township Hall
- b. Spurr Township Planning Commission Public Hearing Thursday October 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall.
- c. Spurr Township Board Meeting Monday October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall.

XII. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned by Supervisor, Killoran at 7:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk