



June 17, 2024

- 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, Barb Wilson , Trustee, Dennis Bentti, Trustee, Joel LePage, and Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Motion made by Trustee, Bentti to approve agenda and seconded by Trustee, LePage. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- May 20, 2024, Regular Board Meeting- Motion made by Trustee, LePage to approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee, Bentti. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - a. Supervisor, Killoran stated that check #7484 made payable to Michigamme Township for \$13,167.96 is \$5,000 too much because they charged us too much for the air packs. Clerk, Omernick will reach out to Michigamme Township to resend the invoice minus \$5,000. Motion made by Trustee, Bentti to approve Accounts Payable of \$25,343.76 and seconded by Clerk, Omernick. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VII. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. Clerk Report- Clerk, Omernick gave the Balance Sheet by Class to the board. In total the township has a positive balance of \$925,231.60 including all the millage accounts and general funds.
 - b. Treasurer- No Treasurer's report this month as there is a new treasurer on the board, and this is her first meeting.
 - c. Fire board- Supervisor Killoran read the fire board minutes from the 6/4/24 meeting. May bills were approved which included Pomasl, Auto Value, mileage payments and firematic supply. Two air packs were purchased from Pomasl and a rocker switch for a light from Auto Value. Tires and rims were purchased from Firematic supply. Chief Perry updated the fire board that the monthly meeting was held on 5/28/24 and eleven members were present. They responded to two calls in May. One was a care fire on 5/9/24 by the cemetery and the second one was a brush fire on AAA/Ford Road where 15 acres burned. Upcoming events include the July 3rd fireworks, July 4th parade and on July 6th a parade at Van Riper and Michigamme Shores which the new fire boat will be dedicated afterwards. The new fire truck pre-build meeting is set for June 18th at 3:00 with production to start approximately two weeks later. Boat donations are complete. The final two donations were made by the Ben Lauren Foundation for \$3,000 and \$1,000 by Don Kreske.
 - d. Planning commission- Trustee, Bentti updated the board on the Planning Commission's June meeting. The PC reviewed the need for a 4-year Parks and Recreation master plan. It was discussed that the Township could pay and outside company to create the plan. The township board discussed that the township could take pieces and parts from other Township's plans to create a new one for Spurr Township so the township doesn't have to pay an outside company to create one. It was also discussed that a designated individual on the PC should take on the responsibility of organizing and putting together a parks and rec plan. Trustee, Bentti will take this feedback back to the Planning Commission. Trustee, Bentti is also now the new secretary of the Planning Commission.
 - e. Zoning Administrator- ZA, Mike Simula gave an update. A couple of zoning permits have been approved and there have been a lot of inquiries about property and land for sale.
 - f. Baraga County Sheriff. The inmates from Baraga County Jail will clean up garbage that was found disposed of on Koivula Road. As of right now there are no suspects in who disposed of the trash. The Sheriff will bring a dumpster trail to fill up and dispose of KBIC transfer center, however there will be a tipping fee. Motion made by Supervisor, Killoran and seconded by Trustee, LePage to have the sheriff will send the township the bill for the tipping fee next month. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried
 - g. Assessor- There was no update.

- VIII. OLD BUSINESS- public comment after each agenda item.
- a. ORV Update- Supervisor, Killoran gave an update on behalf of the trail authority. The trail from Mt Arvon and Baraga Plans trail from Baraga to L'Anse are really close and are waiting on one more easement that had to be signed.
 - b. Driveway, Parking and Grounds at Township Building- send out for bid- The scope of work will be sent out for bid and be published in the newspaper. All interested bidders will contact Supervisor, Killoran to schedule a walk through of the scope. Bids are due by 7/12/24.
 - c. Beaufort Lake Dock- There was discussion around applying for a DNR grant, however the Township would need a parks and rec plan in place to apply. The board discussed creating it's own parks and rec plan without hiring someone for thousands of dollars to create one. It could be creating by using information from other Township's park and rec plan. Supervisor, Killoran contacted Van Riper State Park, who manages Beaufort Lake Boat Launch, to inquire about the dock and if the township would buy the dock and donate it to the park would Van Riper maintain the dock and the Township would transfer all responsibility to the park. He is waiting a response. In the meantime the township will keep researching and searching for a dock that is appropriate for Beaufort Lake.
 - d. New Township Lawyer. Supervisor Killoran presented the board with a new township lawyer option whom is Foster Swift Municipal Law. At the time of the meeting Supervisor, Killoran was waiting for a call back from Foster Swift to see if they would take on the township as a new client. The township is not currently under contract with their current lawyer.
- IX. New Business
- a. MTA Annual Dues. Clerk, Omernick presented the board with the yearly MTA annual due renewal and the different packages that are offered. The different packages were discussed amongst the board and it was decided to stay with the basic package like we have had in the past. Motion made by Supervisor, Killoran and seconded by Trustee, Joel to renew the Township's MTA dues with the basic package and contributing \$15.76 to the legal defense fund. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried
 - b. Cribbage on Tuesday at Spurr. Michigamme has asked Spurr Township if they can use the Spurr Township hall to play cribbage on Tuesdays since Michigamme's community building is in the middle of a construction zone. Motion made by Clerk, Omernick and seconded by Trustee, Bentti to have cribbage at Spurr Township on Tuesdays. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried
- X. Public Comment- 2 public comments.
- XI. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS
- a. Michigamme/ Spurr Fire board meeting Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
 - b. Spurr Township Planning Commission Thursday July 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
 - c. Spurr Township Board Meeting Monday July 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
 - d. Michigamme/Spurr Joint Board Meeting Wednesday July 17, 2024 at Michigamme Township Hall
- XII. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned by Supervisor, Killoran at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk