

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

November 17, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER- The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Cynthia Dittman at 7:15 p.m.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- III. ROLL CALL  
Spurr Township Board Members: Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman, Clerk, Jessica Omernick, Treasurer, Lori Carlson, Trustee, Rose Ekdahl, and Trustee, Jason Killoran. Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Lori Carlson motioned to amend agenda. Add "Michigan State Police Investigation" under XI "New Business". Cynthia Dittman made a motion to approve agenda; Jay Killoran and Lori Carlson seconded. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board meeting- Approval of Minutes-Rose Ekdahl moved to approve minutes. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT-
  - a. Public comment from one person regarding a missing street sign at Pine Street off of UW HWY 41. Street sign has been missing since road construction this summer. Jessica Omernick to follow up with call to Doug Mills.
- VII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
  - a. Motion by Trustee, Rose Ekdahl to approve the Accounts Payable of \$14,616.01, seconded by Treasurer, Lori Carlson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- VIII. CORRESPONDENCE- NONE
- IX. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. Supervisor Quarterly Budget Update: None
- b. Treasurer: Treasurer, Lori Carlson gave the Treasurer's Report
- c. Clerk- No report
- d. Fire Board-
  - i. There was a fire board meeting on November 2, 2021. There are 2 applicants for the fire board position and they have to be from Michigamme. Chairperson is also needed
  - ii. Fire truck 2072 received carburetor parts, but still has not been fixed.
  - iii. Fire department did bring back old items from old town hall to fire hall.
  - iv. 5 members attending a no cost firefighter class held by L'Anse Fire Dept.
  - v. Joe Perry to follow up with Baraga Bay Fire Dept about their meeting Keweenaw Bay Indian Community regarding contributions toward new fire truck.
- e. Zoning Administrator
  - i. Requests are quieting down.
  - ii. ZA's contract is up at the end of the year. Need to discuss during December's board meeting.

#### X. OLD BUSINESS

- a. ARPA Funds Usage- Spurr Township received half of the installment in the amount of \$14,182.50.
  - i. Discussion developed regarding how to use the funds. Some ideas to spend the money on are the North Country Trail, Broadband Internet, UTV and Snowmobile trails and provide HERO funds for EMS and Fire
  - ii. Document what we are using the funds for is due Spring 2022.
  - iii. Spend funds by 2024.
  - iv. Does Spurr Township open another bank account for funds?
- b. Tower Lease Update
  - i. American Tower came back to Spurr Township with (4) counter offers.
  - ii. Treasurer, Lori Carlson, made a motion to have Cellular Lease Consultants work with American Tower on Spurr Township's behalf. Trustee, Jay Killoran seconded the motion. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.
- c. Old township Hall Sale

- i. Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman to follow up with realtor on status of marketing analysis report.
  - ii. "Stuff" needs to be cleaned out of old town hall and brough back to current hall and put in storage for now.
- d. Short Term Rentals (VRBO, Airbnb)
  - i. Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday November 30, 2021. Supervisor, Dittman to post a job posting for a Planning Commission Secretary.
- e. Website
  - i. Zoning Administrator, Mike Simula, is making progress. Send pictures of Spurr Township to [mikesimula@gmail.com](mailto:mikesimula@gmail.com).

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Snow Removal Contract Amendment- Supervisor, Dittman, made a motion to amend termination date to last 'snowfall' of Spring of 2022. Seconded by Trustee, Killoran. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- b. Deputy Clerk Appointment- Clerk, Jessica Omernick, made a motion to appoint Vickie Voegtline. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- c. Motion by Clerk, Jessica Omernick, to pay Deputy Clerk, Vickie Voegtline @15.00/ hour. Seconded by Trustee, Rose Ekdahl. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- d. Michigan State Police Investigation
  - i. Treasurer, Lori Carlson, gave an update on the investigation regarding missing money when past Tresurer, Nurmela, was in office. A copy of the report is available online or in the township office

XII. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Michigamme/Spurr Fire board meeting Tuesday December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Michigamme, Township Hall
- b. Spurr Township Board Meeting Wednesday December 15, 2021 at 6:00pm
- c. Michigamme Township/Spurr Township Joint Board Meeting Monday January 24, 2022 6:00pm.

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. was made by Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman, Seconded by Jay Killoran.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk