

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

October 20, 2021

Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman, Clerk, Vickie Voegtline, Treasurer, Lori Carlson, Trustee, Rose Ekdahl and Trustee, Jason Killoran. Quorum is present.

AGENDA

Added:

OLD BUSINESS:

(ARPA) American Rescue Plan ACT, Purchasing Policy

NEW BUSINESS:

Township hall light bill

Motion to approve the agenda with additions added by Clerk, Vickie Voegtline, seconded by Trustee, Rose Ekdahl. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Correction of Accounts Payable from \$22,427.91 to \$19,261.00.

Change Dual Ordinance to Dual Governance.

Motion to approve the September Minutes with corrections by Trustee, Rose Ekdahl, seconded by Jason Killoran. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment from one person regarding the Township Bulletin Boards.

Discussed again was the purpose of the township board are for township business and need to stay clean for that reason. Community events were allowable. Posting dates were asked to be written on the bottom and removed after event is past.

Also, what is the ATV Trail update?

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by Clerk, Vickie Voegtline to approve the Accounts Payable \$13,834.28, seconded by Treasurer, Lori Carlson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk, Voegtline read a thank you from the Michigan Township Association for renewing our membership.
Northern Michigan Public Service Academy inviting the township to join.
A posting on Spurr Township Facebook site was read regarding lake water levels of the Three Lakes.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Supervisor: Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman gave a report on the Joint Michigamme/Spurr Township Meeting that took place on October 11th at the Michigamme Board Room.

Treasurer: Treasurer, Lori Carlson gave the Treasurers report.

Clerk: Treasurer, Lori Carlson made a motion to accept Clerk, Vickie Voegtline's resignation with much disappointment, seconded by Jason Killoran. Ayes: 4 Abstain: 1 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Two candidates were interviewed for the new Clerk position and one candidate removed her application. While both were outstanding, Jessica Omernick was a candidate with very strong skills and qualifications along with having an interest in meeting and working with the community. Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman made the motion to appoint Jessica Omernick to the Clerk's position beginning November 1, 2021, seconded by Clerk, Vickie Voegtline. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Clerk, Vickie Voegtline made a motion to have Jessica Omernick train with the Clerk, allowing 20 hrs @ \$15.00 an hour ending on November 1, 2021, Seconded by Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman. Ayes: 5 Nay:0 Motion Carried.

Fire Board Report:

There was no Fire Board Meeting in October due to lack of quorum.
Fire Board Member, Lori Carlson gave a report of the status of the new fire truck purchase that was discussed at our Joint Township Board Meeting October 11th. Fire Chief Joe Perry is putting together a specs request for the bid process. Prices start at \$400-\$450,000, with a \$130,000 down payment requirement.
There is a 18-24 month build time to receive the new truck.
It was suggested to contact the Keweenaw Tribe to solicit a grant to help offset the cost.

Zoning Administrator: Supervisor, Dittman read a report for the month from Zoning Administrator Michael Simula. Reviewed Zoning compliance issues in the township. Started to work on the website for the

township. Needed is any pictures historical information on Spurr Township for the Website.

OLD BUSINESS

(ARPA) American Rescue Plan Act: Spurr Township was awarded \$28,365.00, with half of the amount coming to the township in 30 days. The other half will be received before the end of the year. Supervisor, Dittman will need to research where the awarded money can be spent. It was suggested she contact the MTA or other townships in the area who have received funds and what they are doing with it.

Tower Lease:

Discussion ensued regarding the American Tower proposals. Treasurer, Lori Carlson spent time breaking down the lease agreements from the beginning of the tower rental. After much discussion, the Township Board felt it was in our best interest to counter offer American Tower.

Motion was made by Trustee, Jason Killoran, seconded by Trustee, Rose Ekdahl to make a counter proposal to American Tower regarding our current lease offer. Ayes:4 Abstain: 1 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Current Term of Lease 2006

Expires: January 21, 2037
Current Monthly Rent: 599.14
Annual Rent: \$7,189.86
CPI Adj: Every 5yrs., 3%/yr.
or 15%/5 yr. term.
Zero dollars per month for
tenant
each new tenant.
No rent guarantee

Counter Proposal

Add: 10 years - Expires Jan,21,2047
Monthly Rent: \$700.00
Annual Rent: \$8,400.00 plus tenant
CPI Adj: Every 5yrs., 3%/yr. or
15%/5 yr. term
\$100.00/month for each new
10 yr. rent guarantee
\$2,500.00 one-time signing bonus

Snow Plow Bid: One bid for snowplowing was received. Dan Swiedals submitted a proposal that was the same as last year. Motion was made by Clerk, Vickie Voegtline. Seconded by Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman to hire Dan Swiedals to snowplow the township hall again this year. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Playground Equipment Update:

The playground equipment has been taken down, thanks to members of the Township Fire Dept. As of now it is laying on the ground and will be moved to the old dump to be stored until spring.

Short Term Rentals:

A letter was received from the Roger Zappa, regarding Short-Term Rentals. Discussion ensued regarding the Zoning of Short-Term

Rentals. Clerk, Vickie Voegtline made a motion to have the Planning Board proceed with drafting an ordinance for Short Term rentals that would fit the township and bring it back to the Township Board as soon as possible. Seconded by Treasurer, Lori Carlson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Old Township Hall:

Linda Keohane took pictures of the building and did comps for the sale. It now needs to be cleaned out as there is a lot of "stuff" left. A date needs to be set to meet and clean it out.

Purchasing Policy:

This was tabled until the old policy is revised for everyone to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Township Power Bill:

Clerk, Vickie Voegtline made a motion to divide the We Energies power bill for the current township hall to 50/50 with the Fire Department. Seconded by Treasurer, Lori Carlson. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried.

Amend the Current 2021-2022 Budget Amendment:

Motion by Clerk Vickie Voegtline, seconded by Treasurer, Lori Carlson to amend and add to the Chart of Accounts: Miscellaneous Township Board, Fire, Garbage, Cemetery, Parks and Recreation, and Public Improvement. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Township Building and Zoning Violations:

Due to the amount of follow up and lack of communications, it was suggested that the Supervisor should meet regularly with the Zoning Administrator and the Building Inspector to review permits and violations, and not the Clerk.

We have a fly infestation that needs to be addressed. Putting off Bug Bombs in the building and cleaning up afterwards was discussed.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spurr Township Fire Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. Spurr Township Hall.

Spurr Township Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 20, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. was made by Supervisor, Cynthia Dittman, Seconded by Trustee Rose Ekdahl.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Voegtline, Clerk