



May 20, 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, Tammy Marier, Trustee, Dennis Benti, Trustee, Joel LePage, and Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Add under VIII. Old Business. B. Local Road Signs. Motion made by Trustee, LePage to approve amended agenda and seconded by Treasurer, Marier. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 16, 2024, 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 Clerk, Omernick to approve Accounts Payable of \$20,558.18 and seconded by Trustee, Benti. 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 \$951,166.90 including all the millage accounts and general funds.
 - b. Treasurer- Treasurer, Marier stated that there is \$95,000 in the tax account and the goal is to get it down to around \$2,000. This will happen after the tax account pays the general fund from the CFR taxes received.
 - c. Fire board- Supervisor Killoran read the fire board minutes from the 5/7/24 meeting. April bills were approved which included Elcom, Pomas and Holiday Gas station beverage purchases for the Railroad St. fire, radios, nozzle wildland helmet, handheld batteries, pagers, and radio better There was a firefighter meeting on 3/26/24 and eleven members were present. There were three calls in March: an accident at Tioga Park, a structure fire on Beaufort Lake and a brush fire. Internet Safety and CPR class possible this summer. There was one fire call in Big Bay and one of the tires blew on the firetruck. All tires need replacement due to age and dry rotting. An extra rim is also needed for the spare tire.
 - d. Planning commission- The Master Plan was reviewed and the PC does not see anything that needs be changed.
 - e. Zoning Administrator- ZA, Mike Simula gave an update. A couple of projects have been approved and there have been a lot of inquiries.
 - f. Baraga County Sheriff. The inmates from Baraga County Jail will clean up garbage that was found disposed of on Koivula Road.
 - 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. There was a notice in the paper to remove the tracks from L'Anse to Baraga however 3 days before that was supposed to happen there was interested for a short line rail take over for the tracks. However, there will still be a state sponsored trail by the end of July.
 - b. Local Road Signs- Trustee, LePage surveyed signs in the township that are missing/unreadable and made a master document. Supervisor, Killoran will send to the Baraga County Road Commission for review and to get a quote for the signs.
- IX. New Business
 - a. Driveway, Parking and Grounds at Township Building- Supervisor, Killoran presented the scope of work. There was discussion around adding more detail to the scope such as pictures describing and pointing to the areas that work needs to be done to. The improvements will be paid through ARPA funds and the Public Improvement funds.

- b. T-Mobile Internet. There was discussion around using a new internet provider since NMU is getting slower with more people using it. T-Mobile is \$60/month. Motion made by Trustee LePage to switch to T-Mobile internet and seconded by Trustee, Bentti.
 - 1. Roll Call: Roll Call: Supervisor, Killoran- Aye
Treasurer, Marier- Aye
Clerk, Omernick- Aye
Trustee, Bentti- Aye
Trustee, LePage- Aye
- c. 5-year Parks and Recreation plan; Beaufort Lake Dock Purchase
 - i. The DNR will try to dredge the Beaufort Lake Dock area to see if that helps. There was discussion to look into the Township purchasing a roll out dock. A new dock could be purchased through a DNR grant however the township does not have a Parks and Rec Plan which needs to be in place in order to apply for a DNR grant. The Township will look into applying for a grant through the KBIC for a dock. There was also discussion amongst the board on who would maintain the dock and what kind of dock to purchase since it is DNR land.
- d. New Township Lawyer
 - i. There was discussion amongst the board to switch the township lawyer to a municipal lawyer instead of a general law lawyer which the board currently has. Supervisor, Killoran to research lawyers and present to board at the June board meeting.
- e. Tower Lease Offer
 - i. There was interest from a party out East in purchasing the Tower for \$170,000. The board decided not to pursue the sale of the tower since the township is in a 20-year contract with the current leaser.
- f. National Flood Insurance Program
 - i. In order to have the insurance program there would need to be an ordinance. The board reviewed the program and decided to table the conversation and decision until the program can be reviewed by the board more.
- g. Treasurer Resignation
 - i. Treasurer, Marier submitted her resignation as she is moving out of the Township. The board did not accept the resignation in order to keep the deputy treasurer in good standing to sign checks. There will be a special meeting before the June board meeting to accept the resignation and appoint a new treasurer.
- h. Salary Budget Resolutions
- i. Salary Resolutions for 2024/2025-
 - i. The following resolutions were adopted at the May 20,2024, meeting to take affect starting the new fiscal year on July 1st, 2024.
 - ii. Resolution 2024-5-20-01; Resolution to establish the township Clerk annual salary.
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, LePage
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Joel Lepage; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Treasurer, Marier Abstain- Clerk, Omernick. Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - iii. Resolution 2024-5-20-02; Resolution to establish the township Board of Review Member per meeting pay.
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, LePage
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Joel Lepage; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Treasurer, Tammy Marier, Aye- Clerk, Omernick Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - iv. Resolution 2024-5-20-03; Resolution to establish the township Assessor annual salary.
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Treasurer, Marier and supported by Trustee, LePage
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Joel Lepage; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Treasurer, Tammy Marier; Aye- Clerk, Omernick. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - v. Resolution 2024-5-20-04; Resolution to establish the Planning Commission Member per meeting pay
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, LePage
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Joel Lepage; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Treasurer, Tammy Marier; Aye- Clerk, Omernick. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - vi. Resolution 2024-5-20-05; Resolution to establish the Planning Commission Secretary per meeting pay
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, LePage

2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Joel Lepage; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Treasurer, Tammy Marier; Aye- Clerk, Omernick. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
- vii. Resolution 2024-5-20-06; Resolution to establish the Zoning Administrator annual salary
 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, LePage
 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Joel Lepage; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Treasurer, Tammy Marier; Aye- Clerk, Omernick. Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
- j. Set 2024-2025 Budget Hearing for June 2024
 - i. The board agreed to meet at 5:30pm on Monday June 17th to review and approve the budget for the next fiscal year.

X. Public Comment- 2 public comments.

XI. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Michigamme/Spurr Joint Board Meeting Wednesday April 17, 2024, at Spurr Township Hall
- b. Michigamme/Spurr Fire board meeting Tuesday May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- c. Spurr Township Planning Commission Thursday May 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- d. Spurr Township Board Meeting Monday May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- e. Budget Workshop Meeting Monday May 6, 2024, at 6:00 at Spurr Township Hall

XII. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned by Supervisor, Killoran at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk