



February 19, 2025

- 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 Benti, Trustee, Joel LePage, and Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Motion made by Trustee, LePage to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Trustee, Benti. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Update the date from December 16, 2024, to January 22, 2025. Trustee LePage moved to approve the minutes, with the amended date, from the January 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Benti. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - a. Add "Par-Plan Renewal from Hannula Agency" for \$5,000 to the list of bills. Trustee Benti made a motion to approve Accounts Payable of \$32,264.44, which includes the \$5,000 bill from Hannula Agency. The motion was seconded by Trustee LePage. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VII. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. Supervisor- Budget Review
 - i. The yearly audit recommended monthly reviews of the budget. The board examined each line item and identified funds to review in April during the quarterly budget review.
 1. 101-806 Township Board Accounting
 2. 262-726 Election Supplies
 3. 262-803 Election Testing
 4. 262-000 Elections- Other
 5. 336-930 Fire Department Repair and Maintenance
 6. 371-801 Building Inspection Seminars and Training
 7. 448-000 Streetlights- Other
 8. 901-000 Public Improvement- Other
 - b. Clerk Omernick reported that the township has a positive balance of \$1,048,260.29, including millage accounts and general funds.
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Wilson provided an update. As of January 31, 2025, the ending balance in the tax account was \$147,199.47. The total amount of outstanding checks issued in January was \$120,033.45. Therefore, the actual balance in the tax account, after all checks have cleared, is \$27,166.02.
 - d. Fireboard - Supervisor Killoran provided an update from the 2/4/25 fire board meeting. January bills were approved. Fire Chief Perry reported three calls/runs in January. On the 7th, there was a logging equipment fire near Ned Lake. Amasa responded, and Michigamme/Spurr were called off. Also on the 7th, there was a CO2 alarm on E. Main St. On 1/23, assistance was requested for a garage fire in Champion. During the monthly fire department meeting on 1/28, nominations for officers took place and elections will be held during the February meeting. Joe Swiedels requested to continue serving as a member of the fire board as his term expires in March.
 - e. Planning Commission - Trustee Benti provided an update on behalf of the Planning Commission (PC). The PC discussed zoning changes for the US 41 corridor and identified parcels affected by the change to Town Development, including those within 300 yards of the impacted areas. Letters will be sent to parcel owners and a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for the next PC meeting on April 10th, 2025. Additionally, the PC reviewed their budget for 2025/26, noting that no changes are necessary if postage fees fall under supplies line items. MTA

education classes were also discussed, and members are encouraged to contact the Clerk for registration if interested.

- f. Zoning Administrator - There were three or four inquiries regarding short-term rentals and an additional inquiry concerning solar power. The board discussed examining a solar and wind ordinance.
- g. Baraga County Sheriff. They had 19 hours of patrol time, 3 calls for service, 1 arrest and 1 traffic crash in the month of January.
- h. Assessor-Supervisor Killoran indicated that two Board of Review members will likely need to be replaced after this session.

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

- a. ORV Update- No new update this month.
- b. Baraga County Senior Citizens Tax- Treasurer, Wilson did hear back from Baragaland Senior Citizens Center regarding the senior citizen tax collected from Spurr Township and the taxes paid to the county from Spurr residents is allocated for the year. The Baragaland Senior Citizens Center, located at 6 Main St. L'Anse, MI, is now once again offering a congregate meal on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:30am-12:30pm. Please call at least the day before for a reservation at 906-524-5450. Cost for ages 60+ is \$5.00, under age 60 is \$6.50. Mom's Meals, which is managed by DISCA (Dickinson Iron Community Service Agency), is for homebound seniors that can receive refrigerator ready meals delivered directly to your home. Residents in Spurr Township do qualify for delivered meals if homebound. To receive Home Delivered Meals, please call. If there is no waiting list, meals will begin immediately, however an in-depth assessment must be completed in the participant's home to determine eligibility and develop a service plan. **Who Qualifies:** Seniors ages 60+ **Please call the DICSA Main Office to register at:** (906) 774-2256. **Cost:** Suggested donation of \$5.
- c. Beaufort Lake Dock - Trustee Bentti sent an email with PowerPoint presentations, pictures, and documents to Representative Bohnak to inform him of the situation and request his support. Bohank's office responded and is planning to release a press statement soon. The board expressed a desire to review the press release before it is published and asked Trustee Bentti to follow up on obtaining a copy. There is a DNR Waterways grant for boat access sites due on April 1st, which requires a 50% match by the township. The board will also apply for a 2% grant for dredging and a new dock with KBIC, due on April 30th.
- d. Blight Ordinance Updating - The board reviewed the revised blight ordinance from the township attorney. Supervisor Killoran informed the assessor of their responsibility to place a special assessment on the tax bills for property owners who do not pay their blight fine. The township also discussed defining rear and front yards and waterfront properties, as there are differing opinions. Clerk Omernick will contact the attorney to define these items. The board also aims to modify Section 4, Unlawful Acts, by adding the word "foliage" to the following sentence: B. **Storage, keeping or leaving of inoperable vehicles or trailers** for more than sixty (60) days unless that vehicle or trailer is completely contained within a building or is completely screened from view behind a lawful six-foot high fence **or foliage** in the side or rear yards.
- a. Holiday Pay- The holiday pay conversation continued from January's board meeting. Multiple options were discussed and a policy will be drafted and voted on during the March board meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Parks and Recreation Plan - The township intends to establish a volunteer committee for the parks and recreation plan, comprising a total of five members. Trustee LePage volunteered for the committee. Interested parties can contact LePage directly or the township office.

X. Public Comment- Three minutes- None

XI. Meeting Announcement

- a. Michigamme/Spurr Fire board meeting Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr
- b. Board of Review Organizational Meeting Tuesday March 4, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Spurr
- c. Board of Review Appeals Tuesday, March 11, 2025 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Spurr
- d. Board of Review Appeals Thursday, March 13, 2025 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Spurr
- e. Spurr Township Planning Commission Thursday March 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- f. Spurr Township Board Meeting Monday March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- g. Michigamme/Spurr Joint Board Meeting Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 6:00 at Michigamme

XII. Adjournment- Supervisor, Killoran adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk