

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



May 18, 2022

- 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, Clerk, Jessica Omernick, Trustee, Rose Ekdahl, and Trustee, Dennis Benti.
Absent: Treasurer, Tammy Marier
Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Motion made by Supervisor, Killoran to approve agenda, seconded by Trustee, Benti. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 20, 2022 regular board meeting- Motion made by Trustee, Ekdahl to approve minutes, seconded by Trustee, Benti. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
 - a. Motion made by Trustee, Benti to approve the Accounts Payable of \$20,935.48 seconded by Trustee, Ekdahl.
4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- VII. OFFICER REPORTS
 - a. Clerk: Clerk, Omernick gave the balance sheet standard report for the general fund.
 - b. Fire Board Update- Supervisor, Killoran gave the fire board update.
 - i. Board members are now on term limits. They have a chair, vice chair and members.
 - ii. Truck 2072 is still down. The carb was fixed, but now something else is wrong. ETA to get the truck fixed is unknown.
 - iii. The Michigamme/Spurr joint fire department will have an open house at the Michigamme Fire Hall on June 26th.
 - c. Zoning Administrator: Mike Simula gave an update. There have not been many calls inquiring about zoning.
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

- IX. OLD BUSINESS- public comment after each agenda item.
- a. Tower Lease Contract Finalized/Consultant Payment
 - i. The consultant between the township and American Tower lease is asking for payment for his part in the agreement. The board agreed to not pay the consultant until the Township gets paid from American Tower Lease.
 - b. Recycling Programs
 - i. Trustee, Killoran gave an update on potential recycling programs
 - 1. Will contact North Country Disposal to get a quote for dumpsters.
 - 2. Are there any tax incentives from the State?
 - 3. Where do we locate the recycling dumpsters so they're contained and trash isn't disposed into the dumpster?
 - 4. How do we monitor the dumpsters? There was a suggestion of using a hunting camera or Ring cameras.
 - ii. Public comment- One public comment
 - c. Old township Hall Sale
 - i. Clerk, Omernick updated that the Old Township Hall is still for sale and no one has been interested.
 - ii. The board will reevaluate the listing price and whether to lower it at the June board meeting.
 - iii. The Township asked the Assessor if he can give an assessment on the building to see what it's valued at.
 - d. Imperial Heights Road Improvement and County Road Commission
 - i. Doug Mills from the Baraga County Road Commission discussed the next steps for this project.
 - ii. Bids will be sent out and will get 2 bids for the job.
 - iii. Motion made by Trustee, Ekdahl and seconded by Clerk, Omernick to split the cost of the cost of the job will be split 50/50 with the Township and the County. Clerk, Omernick Aye. Trustee, Ekdahl Aye. Supervisor, Killoran Aye. Trustee, Bentti Aye. Motion Carried
 - iv. Discussed Baraga County Seasonal Load Restriction History
 - 1. Road Restrictions were lifted on 5/18/22. On average the seasonal load restrictions are on for 65 days every year starting March 7th and going until May 11th.
 - v. Road Name Signs
 - 1. The Baraga County Road Commission will specify and supply the standard street and road signs and necessary hardware. The cost of the signs, hardware and installation will be allocated as follows: Primary Roads- Baraga County Road Commission, Local Roads- Townships and incorporated Villages; Private Roads- individual or corporate owners.
 - 2. Road Commission will get pricing to replace the signs in the Township that are missing.

3. Supervisor, Killoran offered to drive the Township and document which signs are missing per the list provided by the Baraga County Road Commission.
- e. Dumpster Days will be June 25th and June 26th from 10:00am-4:00 pm
 - i. Dumpster Day Workers
 1. Bruce Ekdahl will work both days
 2. Jay Killoran will work Sunday
 3. Dennis Bentti will work Saturday
 - f. Emergency Maintenance Protocol
 - i. If there is an emergency call 911.
 - ii. If it is a non-911 emergency call in succession the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees.
 - iii. Send individual texts to one another. Texts cannot be group messages so we don't violate the OMA.
- X. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. ORV Trail System Update- Baraga County Trail Authority
 - i. Baraga County Trail Authority wants to abandon the railroad tracks from Lanse to Baraga and Nestoria to Covington. Abandonment of railroads needs federal approval first. The township will write a letter to the State Representatives in support of this.
 - ii. The Trail Authority is asking each township for \$3,000 to donate to the club in order to get the trail systems up and running. Motion made by Supervisor, Killoran to approve this spend and to use the Public Improvement dollars in the budget, seconded by Trustee, Ekdahl. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 1. The Trail Authority will submit an invoice prior to issue of payment.
 - iii. Baraga County Trail Authority meetings are held at the Baraga County Convention Center in L'Anse the first Thursdays of every month at 6:00 pm.
 - b. Set Budget Hearing Meeting for June
 - i. The meeting will June 15th at 5:30pm. The budget will be available for the public to view prior to the meeting.
 - c. Board Members and Sub Committee Salary Resolutions.
 - i. The following resolutions were adopted at the May, 12, 2021 meeting to take affect starting the new fiscal year on July 1st, 2022.
 - ii. Resolution 2022-5-18-01; Resolution to establish the township clerk salary
 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, Bentti
 2. Upon a roll call vote: Abstain, Clerk, Jessica Omernick, Aye- Trustee, Dennis Bentti; Aye -Trustee, Rose Ekdahl; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran. Ayes: 3 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 Absent: 1
 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.

- iii. Resolution 2022-5-18-02; Resolution to establish township treasurer salary
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, Ekdahl.
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Benti; Aye -Trustee, Rose Ekdahl; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: Absent: 1
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - iv. Resolution 2022-5-18-03 Resolution to establish fire board member per meeting pay
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Clerk, Omernick
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Benti; Aye -Trustee, Rose Ekdahl; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - v. Resolution 2022-5-18-04 Resolution to establish township planning commission member per meeting pay.
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, Benti
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Benti; Aye -Trustee, Rose Ekdahl; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
 - vi. Resolution 2022-5-18-05 Resolution to establish township assessor Annual Salary
 - 1. The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor, Killoran and supported by Trustee, Ekdahl
 - 2. Upon a roll call vote: Aye- Trustee, Dennis Benti; Aye -Trustee, Rose Ekdahl; Aye- Supervisor, Jay Killoran; Aye- Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1
 - 3. Supervisor, Killoran, declared the resolution adopted.
- d. Office Assistant Position
 - i. Clerk, Omernick read the job description.
 - ii. The position will start at 16-20 hours a week at \$15/Hour.
 - iii. Applications will be accepted until Friday, June 3rd.
 - iv. A decision on candidates will be made at the next board meeting on June 15th. The position will start July 5th 2022.
- e. EMS Recruiting Meeting at Ely Township Hall; Friday May 20, 2022
6:00pm-8:00pm

XI. Public Comment

- a. Jim Fedie, Assessor, gave the 2021 Report of Assessment Roll Changes and Classifications. The taxable value for the 2021 Tax Year was \$27,724,812. The taxable value for the 2022 Tax Year was \$28,999,841. The additions for 2022 is \$1,335,799 which is an increase of 4.6%. There were 8 veterans exemptions totaling \$574,000.
- b. One public comment about Beaufort Lake public boat launch and Ruth Lake and Beaufort Lake not being stocked with fish for 20+ years.

XII. MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Michigamme/Spurr Fire board meeting Tuesday June 1st, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Spurr Township Hall
- b. Spurr Township Board Meeting Wednesday June 15th, 2022 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- c. Spurr Township 2022/2023 Budget Hearing Meeting Wednesday June 15th, 2022 5:30 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- d. ARPA Usage Brainstorm Meeting Wednesday July 13th, 2022 6:00 p.m. Spurr Township Hall

- XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Clerk, Omernick, seconded by Trustee, Ekdahl.
5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk