



September 16, 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, Barb Wilson, Trustee, Dennis Benti, Trustee, Joel LePage, and Clerk, Jessica Omernick. Quorum is present.
- IV. AGENDA APPROVAL- Motion made by Trustee, Benti to approve agenda and seconded by Trustee, LePage. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 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 Trustee, LePage to approve Accounts Payable of \$17,737.45 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 \$910,021.58 including all the millage accounts and general funds.
 - b. Treasurer- Treasurer, Wilson gave an update. The ending balance on 9/16/24 in the tax account was \$91,729.63. The total amount of property taxes collected was \$425,682.15.
 - c. Fireboard- No fireboard meeting last month.
 - d. Planning commission- There was no meeting in August or September. The next PC meeting is October 10th at 6pm.
 - e. Zoning Administrator- ZA, Mike Simula gave an update. There were two zoning permits issued, and one short term rental application approved.
 - f. Baraga County Sheriff. They had 15 hours of patrol time, six complaints, two traffic stops, one warning, two civil infractions, 3 property inspections, 2 crashes and 2 citation and 4 property inspections in Spurr Township in the month of August.
 - g. Assessor- No update this month.
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS- public comment after each agenda item.
 - a. ORV Update- Supervisor, Killoran gave an update. The trail authority is still waiting for the last of the signatures from the DNR- no change since last month. To get the railroad tracks pulled are going to be an uphill battle to get that done. They talked to Andrea from CN they have to speak with Jack Bergman since this is federal.
 - b. Semco Energy Company- Semco needs the township's approval to run the gas line in the township. The township's attorney reviewed the letter from Semco and sent it back with revisions. We have not heard back from Semco with revisions. This topic will be tabled until next month.
 - c. Huntington Bank CD Maturity and Interest Rates- Treasurer, Wilson received rates and terms from Huntington Bank and presented it to the board. The rates presented were 12 months at 2.9%, 9 months at 3% and 6 months 3.25% and 4 months at 3%. Motion made by Supervisor, Killoran to lock in the 12 months CD at 2.9%, seconded by Trustee, LePage. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - d. Treasurer Receipt Books- Supervisor, Killoran to follow up with the receipt books order and when we can anticipate receiving them.
 - e. Beaufort Lake Dock- Supervisor, Killoran gave an update. There is no news on if the DNR will dredge and no update on the use policy contract. Also, no update from Gravedoni on the dock purchase.
 - i. Public Comment- Tim Rivera would like to bid on building the dock. Supervisor, Killoran to work with Gravedoni and Rivera so they are bidding apples to apples.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tax Roll Request- How much to charge groups that request it. This topic was discussed at the August board meeting. Motion made by Trustee, LePage to charge groups \$850 and seconded by Trustee, Benti. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - b. Celotex Road off of Peshekee Grade Road- Supervisor, Killoran contacted the township attorney about getting gravel on the Celotex Road since it is such a bad road to travel on. The attorney stated that if the road is private property the township cannot buy gravel for that road. Killoran also spoke with Baraga County Trail Authority, and they met with The Nature Conservancy 2 months ago about getting the trail through there. The property owners would have to give an easement to that trail and their road would be maintained twice a year.
 - c. Lake Ruth Marina Blight- The board discussed the condition of Lake Ruth Marine eyesore and how to address it. You cannot single one person out when there are other blight issues in the township. The board also discussed the possibility of re-writing the ordinances and the need for a blight enforcement officer. The board also discussed that we give the owner of Lake Ruth Marina a courtesy call about the condition of his property before sending a blight letter.
 - d. Gravel Pit by Fence River Road-Someone inquired if the township would ever be interested in selling this. The township needs to check if there is a lease with the county before we can move forward with anything. Supervisor, Killoran to call the County Road Commission.
 - e. Zoning for Property next to Ruth Lake Resort. The township received an inquiry about the property next to Ruth Lake Resort and what it is zoned at as it is a house that is running a business out of it. Supervisor, Killoran and the Township's Zoning Administrator are going to visit the property in question and ask the questions that were brought up.
 - f. Privy Permit Fee. The building inspector is asking what the permit fee is for a privy. The Township does not issue permits for privies as these go through the health department. The township does not need to inspect outhouses if they are under 120 square feet per the township's building ordinance and fee schedule.
- X. Public Comment- Three minutes- None
- XI. Meeting Announcement
- a. Michigamme/Spurr Fire Board meeting Tuesday October 1st, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Michigamme
 - b. Spurr Township Board Meeting Monday October 21st, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
 - c. Spurr Township Planning Commission Thursday October 10th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
 - d. Michigamme/Spurr Joint Board Meeting Wednesday October 16th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Spurr Township Hall
- XII. Adjournment- Supervisor, Killoran adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Omernick, Clerk