

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Spencer Township Board**  
**Spencer Township Hall**  
**Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

1. **Supervisor Knapp called the meeting to order.**  
Present: Knapp, Wright, Wood, Lange, Baas  
Absent: None
2. **Supervisor Knapp led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**
3. **Agenda –** Motion was made to amend to add: Clean-up on Properties, Planning & Zoning Report and Budget amendments by Lange & seconded by Wood. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Approval of July 19 Minutes:**  
Motion was made to approve both as written, by Wood and supported by Baas. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of payment of bills:**  
Motion was made to pay all bills presented, by Wood and supported by Lange. Motion carried.
6. **Knapp presented the Financial Report:**  
Motion was made to approve as presented, by Wood and supported by Lange. Motion carried
7. **Public Comments/Presentations - (relevant to Township business. Time limit: 3 min.) – none**
8. **Communications – none**
9. **Reports:**
  - ❖ **Fire Chief's Report**  
Captain Rick Haner read fire report for July 2022.
  - ❖ **Supervisor Report –** Betsy our tech person and her family is in need of our thoughts and prayers. Update on roads – Rooksby Road is ongoing and 22 Mile is waiting for Montcalm County. Cemetery stones are being replaced that are so old that they can no longer read them. Five were done this year by Jeff with an at cost price of stones from Hurst & Pattern Monument. Catholic cemetery on 16 Mile is asking for us to cover flags for veterans and because they are a private cemetery we cannot just supply them with flags. The church is being split off from the cemetery and being sold.
  - ❖ **Planning & Zoning Commission –** Meeting August 10, 2022 They reviewed a resolution on solar power farms and will address it further at next meeting. The Master plan will remain the same, except to exchange out the 2020 census data. They sent it to the township board to approve with that one change. Wood made a motion to approve and Lange supported. Motion carried.
  - ❖ **Library –** Feeding America is done with 250 meals. Zoo event was still held in between rain storms. Finished reading program with 150 people participating.
10. **Unfinished Business –**
  - ARPA funds – ongoing –  
Splash pad was presented by Baas. Lange mentioned how important it would be to add fencing around it to protect it. Motion to approve the splash pad not to exceed \$330,000 by Lange and Seconded by Wood.
  - Roll call – Yes Wood, Baas, Lange, Wright, & Knapp. No - none
  - No Solicitation – cannot be done, but can add an application fee, update our application and hold application for a “review period” to investigate company and person. Wright will put together examples and give to board members to review for September meeting.
11. **New Business:**
  - A. Resolution Prisoner of War – Motion was made to approve by Wood & seconded by Lange. Roll call – Yes, Wood, Lange, Baas, Wright, & Knapp and No, none
  - B. Resolution to abandoned property - Motion was made to approve by Wood & seconded by Lange. Roll call – Yes, Wood, Lange, Baas, Wright, & Knapp and No, none
  - C. Budget amendments presented by Knapp – motion was made to approve, as is, by Wood & seconded by Lange. Motion carried.

D. Baas is currently working on 2 properties with the owners to get them cleaned up. The first one is given to the 29<sup>th</sup> of August and the second came in asking for more time and Baas granted it. Baas is asking for approval to move forward to clean-up these properties if the property owners do not and then we will put a tax lien on property to recoup cost. Motion was made to have Baas continue with 2 belated properties in question this date by Knapp and seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

**12. Board Comments** – none

**13. Public Comments** – resident asked to address the board because she was late and missed the public comment, Knapp granted it to her. She brought up about an issue with an abandoned plat road that someone put items on. Knapp told her that they were given letters that the township has no responsibility for that road that her problem is a civil matter.

**14. Adjournment** by Wood, second by Baas. All in favor at 6:20 pm