

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
October 11, 2010**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at the Spring Lake Township Hall at 106 S. Buchanan, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

6:00pm Work session: Deputy Fillman was present to give an update on the Sheriff's Department, specifically in her role as the Township's designated officer.

Chip Franke, Ottawa County Parks Naturalist, shared with the Board his concern about an invasive species of plant that he thought could be dangerous if not addressed in a timely manner. He had also given advice on how to kill the plant.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board:

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Present John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Judy Miljan, Bob Shay

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager, Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

2. Invocation and Pledge:

Supervisor Nash opened the meeting with a spiritual reading and the pledge of allegiance.

3. Public Comment:

Public comment was opened at 7:06 pm and closed at 7:08 pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Shay to approve the agenda as written.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda: Roll Call Vote Required

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the consent agenda. [RC]

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve September 13, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve October 6, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes
- c. Approve October 6, 2010 Closed Session Minutes
- d. Approve payment of all fund bills
- e. Receive August & Sept. 2010 Financials
- f. Audit proposal – Siegfried Crandall
- g. Cemetery Board Appt. – Bob Shay
- h. Waste hauler agreement – Lake Effect Disposal
- i. Sintel - Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Agreement
- j. International Aid – Storm Water Operation and Maintenance Agreement

6. IFEC Request – Seal Bond:

Seal Bond (formerly known as Michigan Adhesives) is requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) for their investment in new equipment and building improvements. The request is for \$600,786.

We greatly appreciate the continued investment in Spring Lake Township by Seal Bond. In addition to the new investment, it is anticipated that this expansion will add 7 to 9 new jobs and assist in retaining the current 27 jobs at this business.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:22pm. No comments were offered at this time.

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to close the public hearing at 7:23pm.

Motion by Shay, support by Mierle to approve the Resolution granting the IFEC request for 12 years at 50% as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Che Va Green Space on 148th – Chanh Nguyen:

Mr. Chanh Nguyen, owner of Che Va Green Space wanted to introduce himself to the Board and make a brief presentation to the Board on the exciting things that this new business is doing in Spring Lake Township.

8. Vander Mill Liquor License Request:

Vander Mill is seeking an M&W liquor license for their operation on M-104 in Spring Lake Township. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will not consider the request until the Township Board recommends issuance of the license. The M&W license is more commonly known as a micro brewer license. Details of the State requirements were provided at the last meeting. In addition, Vander Mill is seeking an entertainment permit.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:55pm. Brian Barker, 15618 View Drive, stated that he is happy that there is a business like Vander Mill in our Township and likes the products that are sold. Norma Cook, 19104 Ravine Ridge, stated that she would like to see the Board assist retailers as much as industry. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Shay to close the public hearing at 7:57pm.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to adopt the resolution dated 7-16-10 with a recommendation of issuance contingent on the applicant providing in writing compliance with 4.27a and 4.27b of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution to Amend the General Appropriations Act - Street Light millage:

The Township continues to see significant increases in the electric billing by Consumers Energy for street lighting. Because of these increases our Street Light Fund will be in a larger deficit than originally projected. With this in mind, staff is recommended that the special assessment millage for street lights be increased from .27 to .35 mills. This increase will cost a taxpayer with a \$200,000 home an additional \$8 per year. Because this assessment is directly used to pay for street lighting, the only alternative to this would be a reduction in the number of street lights.

Motion by Boersma, support by Shay to approve the recommendation to adopt the Resolution of millage increase for Street lights. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote, the motion carried.

10. Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance – Roof Signs, Farmer’s Market, Vehicle Sales and Vehicle Repair Facilities:

The Planning Commission recommended certain amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to definitions and land uses in the neighborhood commercial district and general commercial district.

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to adopt the zoning text amendment, draft date of 9/28/10, with the elimination of section 4 which would have allowed vehicles sales in the neighborhood business district. [RC] With Miljan as the dissenting vote, the motion carried.

11. Medical Marijuana Zoning Text Amendment:

The Planning Commission recommended certain amendments to the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to medical marihuana and home occupations.

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to adopt the zoning text amendment, draft date of 9/7/10, with a revision to section 1102.A.9.g which was restated to eliminate warrantless and immediate searches. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Utility Truck Purchase:

Four dealerships provided bids for a new utility truck. The proposed truck would be equipped with a utility body and a snow plow package. The Capital Committee requested that we bid the truck two ways; one bid for a diesel engine and one bid for a gas engine. The low bidder on both bids was Great Lakes Ford.

The Capital Committee recommends that the Board authorize the purchase of the 4 X 4 - ¾ Ton Utility Truck from Great Lakes Ford for \$39,972.

Motion by Shay, support by Miljan to approve the recommendation, not to exceed \$41,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13. Reports:

A time of information sharing was given to certain Board members and the Manager.

14. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk