

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
November 8, 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:** The Board discussed the proposed 2011 meeting schedule as it pertains to the budget timeline.

**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 7:12 pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the modification of moving Consent Agenda item 5e. to Agenda item 6a.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda: Roll Call Vote Required**

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve October 11, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive October 2010 Financials
- d. Approve Federal Poverty Guidelines and test
- e. Board of Review Appointments – Moved to 6a.

**6. North Holiday Hills Siren:**

On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Township contracted to have a siren test completed out at North Holiday Hills. The test involved having several staff members listen to two different siren locations and document their findings. The first test was with the current siren placement. The second test was with a similar siren, temporarily located at the entrance to North Holiday Hills.

The Board would like information on a higher tower with a sound shield and the associated costs.

**6a. Board of Review Appointments – Moved from 5e.**

**Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to appoint Lou Draeger, Pat Misner, Jim Mulder, and John Buikema as the alternate, to the Board of Review, term ending December 31, 2012. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**7. Resolution of Objection:**

The Township had been notified of a small parcel of property that did not sell at the County tax sale. The Township has the first right to purchase such properties or pass them on to the County Land Bank. In order to pass property on to Land Bank, the Township is required to object to the transfer and ask the County to retain possession.

**Motion** by Shay, support by Mierle to object the property transfer to Spring Lake and let the County retain possession in the Land Bank.

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Shay to table the issue. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Interest Rate for Light Fund:**

The Street Light Fund borrows from the General Fund at certain times of the year. Although the Board tries to set the millage at an appropriate rate to cover costs, it is hard to determine electricity rates as much as a year ahead. The General Fund should be paid an appropriate interest rate on the money. **Motion** by Shay, support by Mierle to set an inter fund borrowing rate of 3%. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Set public hearing for Liquor License Request:**

Susan Tyke is requesting a Class C liquor license to be used to open a bar on the Baker Auto parcel west of Krueger Street on Lloyds Bayou. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires a public hearing to be held prior to The Township Board taking action on the request.

**Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to set a public hearing at the next regular Board meeting in December; also to follow the standard PUD notification principals and require the applicant to fund an escrow to cover costs. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Budget Amendments:**

The Board was given proposed budget amendments for the current budget year. The Sewer Fund amendments are to recognize the EDA funded sewer project. The General Fund amendments are to recognize the anticipated final cost of 2010 drain work, costs of BS&A software to the Treasurer’s office, final revenue and expense for the Wilson Road planning project and better than anticipated revenue sharing.

(1)	GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
	<b>Revenue:</b>					
	101-000-574.000	State Shared Revenue	622,500	10,000	-	632,500
	<b>Expense:</b>					
	101-253-742.000	Computer Supplies (Treasurer)	500	6,000	-	6,500
	101-445-820.000	Drains	3,000	4,000	-	7,000

(2)	GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
	<b>Revenue:</b> 101-000-504.000	CDBG Grant - Wilson Rd.	-	11,000	-	11,000
	<b>Expense:</b> 101-410-803.000	Engineering (Planning)	1,000	11,000	-	12,000

(3)	SEWER FUND	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
	<b>Revenue:</b> 590-000-502.000	EDA Grant Reimbursement	-	800,000	-	800,000
	590-000-502.001	County Infrastructure Fund Loan	-	400,000	-	400,000
	590-000-502.002	Internal Loan - Capital Replacement Fund	-	400,000	-	400,000
	<b>Expense:</b> 590-537-977.008	Capital Outlay - EDA Grant	-	1,600,000	-	1,600,000

**Motion** by Shay, support by Miljan to approve the amendments with a correction to a typo in section 1. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Reports:**

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

**12. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk