

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
March 29, 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.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager

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 7:02 pm and closed at 7:03pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Shay to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Budget Public Hearing:

The Township is required to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed 2010/11 fiscal year budget. A copy of the budget is available to the public on our website. The Township Manager reviewed the 2010/11 Budget and highlighted some of the major items that are included in the new Budget Proposal.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:13 pm. No public comments were received.

Motion by Boersma, support by Shay to close the public comment at 7:14pm. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Personnel Cost Approval for 2010/11:

Manager Gallagher submitted the wage considerations for 2010/11 fiscal year.

Motion by Shay, support by Miljan to approve the wage request as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adoption of the 2010/11 General Appropriations Act:

After months of careful planning a final budget was presented to the public for the 2010/11 fiscal year. The last step is to approve the Appropriations Act.

Motion by Shay, support by Boersma to approve the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2010/11. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. 2009/10 Budget Amendments:

General Fund Department/Activity		BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
191	Elections	2,300	1,000	-	3,300
201	Finance	143,000	1,000	-	144,000
215	Clerk	117,700	5,000	-	122,700
756	Parks & Rec	210,500	10,000	-	220,500
209	Assessing	222,200	-	4,500	217,700
276	Cemetery	170,200	-	12,500	157,700
Total Expenditure Increase/Decrease		865,900	17,000	17,000	865,900

Street Lighting Fund		BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
	Street Lighting - Expenses	124,900	35,000	-	159,900
	Street Lighting - Fund Balance		-	35,000	
Total Expenditure Increase/Decrease		124,900	35,000	35,000	159,900

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to approve the first 6 general fund account amendments as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Shay, support by Mierle to approve the increase in expenses by \$ 36,000.00 in the street light fund. An amended motion offered by Lindquist failed for lack of support. The original motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

9. Cemetery Mower Purchase:

In the 2009/10 Capital Replacement Budget it was anticipated that we would purchase a new mower for the Cemetery. In order to get our two mowers on a four year rotation basis (replacing one every two years), we replaced one in the summer of 2008. We will plan toward the next replacement in 2012. The mower of choice is a Grass Hopper 620T. These have been used for many years and have the maneuverability that is needed for a cemetery. A bid from George Hofacker Equipment was received in the amount of \$7,500.00, which included a trade in of the old machine. The capital committee recommended the purchase as stated above.

Motion by Mierle, support by Koster to approve the purchase of a Grass Hopper 620T for the cemetery. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Dept. – Turn out Gear:

Motion by Shay, support by Mierle to approve the purchase of 5 sets of turn out gear from West Shore Fire for a cost of \$ 8,385.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

11. Bike Path Engineering:

Prein & Newhof provided an estimate for design and engineering on the proposed non-motorized bike path from Fruitport road to 144th Ave. at a cost of \$ 37,295.00.

Motion by Shay, support by Nash to approve the estimate as presented not to exceed \$ 37,295.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Trust Fund Resolution – Rycenga Park Shelter:

Rycenga Park is a great park and used by a great many people from Fruitport Schools, Spring Lake Recreation Programs, Spring Lake Schools, Community sports and the general public. A new shelter and handicap accessible bathroom facilities would be a necessary improvement to the park. The Township would like to apply for a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for development funds for these improvements.

Supervisor Nash opened the floor for public comment on the project.

David Rumpel, Spring Lake Township Planning Commission Chair – supports the project and stated that this would be good for the community. George Postmus, 16255 Dawnview Dr, stated that he is very much in favor of the improvements to Rycenga Park. Douglas Noreen, 14676 Boom Rd, also stated that he supports the shelter and bathrooms for the park. Ronald Brondyke, 14437 State Rd, supports the improvements to the park.

Motion by Boersma, support by Lindquist to approve a Resolution of Approval to Support the MNRTF Application for Construction of New Bathrooms and Picnic Shelter in Spring Lake and Fruitport Townships. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13. Resolution of Support – Grand River Greenway:

A Resolution of Support for the Grand River greenway project through the Village of Spring Lake to Spring Lake Township was discussed.

Motion by Miljan, support by Mierle to approve a Resolution of Support for the Grand River Greenway Non-motorized Trail Project. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

14. Letter of Support – Linear Park Pathway:

A Resolution of Support for the Eagle Ottawa Riverfront Acquisition Project of the City of Grand Haven was discussed.

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve a Resolution of Support for the Eagle Ottawa Riverfront Acquisition Project. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

15. Reports:

A short time for information sharing was given to Supervisor Nash and Manager Gallagher.

16. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk