

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
April 12, 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.

At the 6:00pm workshop, Larry Aldridge from the Greater Spring Lake Recreation Commission visited to discuss how the program works and all of the many opportunities available to our residents.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Present John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle

Absent: Judy Miljan, Bob Shay

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 7:05 pm and closed at 7:12pm. Two comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda with the deletion of 7. Amended Crockery Agreement.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Koster to approve the consent agenda.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve March 8, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve March 29, 2010 Minutes
- c. Approve payment of all fund bills
- d. Receive February 28, 2010 Financials

6. Restated Zoning Ordinance Adoption of Resolution:

At the February 8 and March 8 Board meetings, the Board reviewed the final draft of the Zoning Ordinance update. The concerns that were mentioned had been addressed; copies of the new code have been made available to the public, circulated to the Board and posted on our website.

Motion by Boersma, support by Nash to approve the Restated Zoning Ordinance Resolution, draft date of 4/21/10. [RC] With a 5 yeas and 0 nays the motion carried.

7. Amended Crockery Agreement: Deleted

8. Resolution of Acceptance - FD:

The Spring Lake Township Fire Department has been successful in acquiring a \$20,472.00 grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The required match for this grant is \$1,023.00. The grant monies will be used for updating our reporting software, purchasing a computer that will be used to access our information in the field, updated code books and NFPA code service updates.

Motion by Koster, support by Lindquist to adopt the resolution as presented. [RC] With 5 yeas, and 0 nays the motion carried.

9. Manager Evaluation:

Forms for evaluating Township Manager Gordon Gallagher were circulated to all of the 7 Board members. The Clerk compiled the information submitted on a single spread sheet. The rating ranged from 1(unsatisfactory performance), to 5(exceptional performance). The overall rating for Gordon was 4.4. The Board expressed their appreciation to Gordon for his contributions to our Township and staff.

10. MTA Township of Excellence:

The Township Board, or its designee, routinely monitors and evaluates township functions to maintain best practices. Presented to the Board is a policy that clearly outlines the process for which this work is to be done.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the Policy in Evaluating Township Functions, draft date of 4/12/10, with a modification to paragraph one, second line, change “three” to “two”. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of those present.

11. Business of the Year Award:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to select Interior Concepts, Inc. as the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.

12. GIS Project (NB):

Kevin Kieft of Prein & Newhof, the township engineer, submitted a proposal to update our water and sewer maps to GIS format in partnership with Ottawa County. The Board reviewed the proposal. The issue will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

13. MML/MTA Green Communities (NB):

The Michigan Municipal League (MML) and the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) have signed on to challenge communities to be more energy efficient and conservation minded. Spring Lake Township has been a leader in these efforts over the last decade and this is another opportunity to show our commitment to this effort. This issue will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

14. Reports:

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

15. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk