

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
May 10, 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, The Board discussed the future look of the Fire Department.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

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 7:09 pm and closed at 7:13pm. One comment was offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve April 12, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive March 30, 2010 Financials

**6. NOCH Representative Report – Tim Boersma:**

Tim Boersma is Spring Lake Township's representative on the North Ottawa Community Health Systems (NOCHS) Board. Tim was present to give a report.

**7. Crockery Township Water Agreement:**

Now that the NOWS water plant expansion financing is in place, we can quantify the portion of the payments that may be allocated to Crockery Township. Mr. Ken Zarzecki has prepared a financial outline for wrapping all of the new and old projects with Crockery Township into one payment structure. In addition to this, Township Attorney Ron Bultje has drafted a proposed amended agreement for our consideration. The agreement has been approved by the Crockery Township Board.

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the 2010 Water Systems Contract Addendum with Crockery Township, draft date of 4/1/10. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**8. EDA Grant Acceptance Resolution:**

Spring Lake Township was recently notified by the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), that we have been awarded a \$1.2 Million grant for wastewater pump station improvements. The Township Board has previously requested that any grant awards be formally accepted.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Nash to adopt the Resolution Accepting Grant Funding from the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), draft date 5/10/10 with typing corrections. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**9. Selection of Engineering Firm for Pump Station Rebuild – EDA Project:**

Part of the project is the need for design engineering and construction engineering. The Township is required by the EDA to send out requests for qualifications for engineering services. Two proposals were received. Staff recommended accepting the proposal from Prein & Newhof at a total engineering cost of \$99,250.00.

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve the recommendation from staff to accept the proposal from P&N not to exceed the proposed cost of \$99,250.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**10. Wilson Road Project – Set Public Hearing:**

The Wilson Road Industrial Park project planning is nearing completion. One of the requirements of our CDBG grant funding is holding a public hearing on the project prior to final close out. The suggestion is to set a public hearing for June 14<sup>th</sup> as part of our regular Township Board meeting.

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Nash to set the Public Hearing for the June 14, 2010 regular Board meeting. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**11. Green Community Challenge:**

At the April 12, 2010 regular Board meeting a resolution supporting the “Green Communities Challenge” was proposed. 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. Some concerns were expressed over the underlying implications of adopting this resolution.

**Motion** by Nash, support by Mierle to adopt the Resolution of Michigan Green Communities Challenge.

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to table this issue to the June 14, 2010 regular Board meeting. The motion carried with one dissenting vote.

**12. Parking Lot Crack Fill/Sealing Proposals (NB):**

The 2010/11 budget anticipates \$40,000 worth of road improvements. At this time it does not appear that there is a need to provide funding to the County to help fund a local road project for this year. With this in mind, there has been some discussion about resealing several of the Township owned parking areas. Three written quotes for this work for the project were received. The overall

cost to complete all of the work will be \$21,500. This issue will be on the June 14, 2010 regular Board meeting.

**13. Acquisition of Easement – North Bank Trail (NB):**

Spring Lake Township has an option to acquire an easement through the Forest Lake Estates Mobile Home Park. The option was acquired as part of our efforts to develop our section of the North Bank Trail (from Fruitport Road to 144<sup>th</sup> Ave). Since the option agreement was signed, the Township has been successful in receiving grant funding to cover 60% of the cost of completing this section of the trail. More information needs to be received before the option is completed.

**14. Central Park Shelter (NB):**

Spring Lake Township financially supports the maintenance and operations of Lakeside Beach and Central Park. This support is a cost share with the Village of Spring Lake. The budget for this support is \$10,000. The Village has received funding support from the Spring Lake Rotary Club to build a new shelter (Pavilion) at Central Park. The Village Council has supported this project with approval funding in the amount of \$6,500. The Village would like Spring Lake Township to also support the project with \$6,500.00. No action was taken at this meeting.

**15. Reports:**

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

**16. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk