

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
June 14, 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 was given updates on the SRF & EDA lift station upgrades, the MNRTF project and a Wind energy discussion.

**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 7:18pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Shay to approve the agenda as modified: Add 5e. SRF Resolution, move 8 to 5f. Harbor Transit Agreements, move 12 to 5g. Acceptance of MNRTF Funding. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**Motion** by Boersma, support by Miljan to approve the consent agenda.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve May 10, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive April 30, 2010 Financials
- d. Request for suspension of extra duties and commensurate pay by Supervisor until after results of the August 3 election.
- e. SRF Resolution
- f. Harbor Transit Agreements
- g. Acceptance of MNRTF Funding

**6. Active Manufacturing IFEC Amendment Request:**

Jeff Berry, owner of Active Manufacturing, came before the Board to request an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) amendment of the original approved Resolution on 10/30/2008. The request is for a total personal property cost of \$431,980.00.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:31pm. No comments were offered at this time.

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Shay to close the Public hearing at 7:32pm. The motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **7. Wilson Road Planning Grant Public Hearing:**

The Wilson Road Industrial Park project planning is completed. One of the requirements of our CDBG grant funding is holding a public hearing on the project prior to final close out. The study showed a significant amount of wetlands on the property.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:43pm. David Miller, Vice President of Economic Development for the Chamber of Commerce mentioned that the study gave us useful information. He mentioned that as the economy grows, there will be possibilities of additional grant funding for improving the property. David also cautioned against using the property as a wetland mitigation bank. Larry Mierle, 15057 Boom Rd., stated that he was on the Board when the property was purchased for the purpose of an industrial park. Larry mentioned that this purchase was done at a time when people did not realize the value of wetlands.

**Motion** by Shay, support by Mierle to close the public hearing at 8:47pm. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to accept the project report dated 6-13-2010. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **8. Harbor Transit Agreements: Moved to 5f**

#### **9. North Bank Trail Easement Purchase Option:**

The Township has a purchase option from Forest Lake Estates for an easement for the North Bank Trail bike path extension project. Due to the timely nature of the grants received for the project, the purchase option needs to be acted on.

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Shay to exercise the option to purchase an easement and to authorize the Manager to execute all closing documents. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

#### **10. Parking Lot Seal coating bids:**

Staff received 3 bids for the project. The Board would like to see more information about the contractors that submitted. The project may be completed in the fall.

#### **11. MML/MTA Green Communities Resolution:**

This issue has been discussed by the Board at several meetings. The Board members expressed that Spring Lake Township already is a leader in the green initiative effort and signing a resolution that may have negative consequences to those efforts would not be helpful.

#### **12. Acceptance of MNRTF Funding: Moved to 5g**

#### **13. Village to City Issues:**

The Township has received correspondence from the State Boundary Commission. The Board had a brief discussion on how to proceed.

**Motion** by Nash, support by Lindquist to approve the Clerk as the person designated to receive meeting notices and docket material. The motion carried unanimously.

**14. Reports:**

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

During the reports an issue came up concerning the new medical marijuana law. Many area municipalities are passing Resolutions placing a moratorium on dispensaries for a period of up to six months.

**Motion** by Shay, support by Nash to adopt a Resolution drafted and considered by Grand Haven Charter Township, to reference Spring Lake Township. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**15. Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk