

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
September 13, 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, Dan Veldhuizen, from Siegfried Crandall, was present to answer questions from the Board pertaining to the audit. The Board also briefly reviewed the 2011 Strategic Planning calendar.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

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 7:04 pm and closed at 7:05 pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2009/10 Audit Report – Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried Crandall after item 5.

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve August 9, 2010 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive July 30, 2010 Financials

2009/10 Audit Report – Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried Crandall:

Dan presented the audit report. He stated that the township has good management and financial staff. The audit was unqualified, which means it meets healthy auditing standards.

6. IFEC Request – Sintel

Sintel is requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) on their investment in a building expansion and new equipment. The request is for \$4,500,000.00. We greatly appreciate the continued investment in Spring Lake Township by Sintel.

In addition to the new investment, it is anticipated that this expansion will add 7 new jobs and assist in retaining the current 93 jobs at this business. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:15pm. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Shay to close the public hearing at 7:16 pm. No comments were offered at this time.

Motion by Boersma, support by Shay to adopt and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Resolution granting the IFEC request for 12 years at 50% as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. IFEC Request – Active Manufacturing:

Active Manufacturing is requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) on their investment in new equipment. The IFEC request is for their \$2,578,000.00 investment in Spring Lake Township. We greatly appreciate the continued investment in Spring Lake Township by Active Manufacturing. In addition to the new investment, it is anticipated that this expansion will add 8 new jobs and assist in retaining the current 35 jobs at this business. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:22 pm. No comments were offered at this time. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Shay to close the public hearing at 7:23 pm.

Motion by Mierle, support by Shay to adopt and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Resolution granting the IFEC request for 12 years at 50% as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. International Aid:

International Aid has updated their conditional rezoning request. At the August meeting this request was tabled “until Staff brings this matter back to the Board”. The agreement had been revised and brought to the Board for consideration.

A **motion** was made by Ron Lindquist, supported by Bob Shay, to adopt the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance with a draft date of July 1, 2010, rezoning the International Aid property in question from the Industrial Zoning District to the Light Industrial Zoning District, conditioned upon a Contract Zoning Agreement between the Township and International Aid with a draft date of September 13, 2010. A roll call vote was taken. Voting "yes" were Jim Koster, John Nash, Bob Shay and Ron Lindquist. Voting "no" were Carolyn Boersma, Larry Mierle and Judy Miljan. The motion passed and the Ordinance was adopted, four to three.

Ron Lindquist **moved** to authorize the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk to execute the Contract Zoning Agreement between the Township and International Aid, with a draft date of September 13, 2010. The September 13, 2010 draft is identical to the July 29, 2010 draft, except that the latest letter from the applicant shall be attached as Exhibit B, and except that Section 3 setting forth the Township findings shall include that the use of the International Aid property has historically been associated with area churches and a religious purpose; the use of the International Aid property has historically included regular chapel services; the approval of the contract zoning request will not reduce the Township's tax base because the property is already tax exempt; and approval of the contract zoning will not result in a loss of industrial property because the International Aid property has

historically been used and will continue to be used for a warehousing operation. This motion was supported by Bob Shay. A roll call vote was taken. Voting "yes" were Jim Koster, John Nash, Ron Lindquist and Bob Shay. Voting "no" were Carolyn Boersma, Judy Miljan and Larry Mierle. The motion passed by a vote of four to three.

9. Vander Mill Liquor License Request:

Vander Mill is seeking an M&W liquor license for their operation on M-104 in Spring Lake Township. The Michigan Liquor Control Commission will not consider the request until the Township Board recommends issuance of the license. The M&W license is more commonly known as a micro brewer license. In addition Vander Mill is seeking an entertainment permit. (This permit is required if the applicant wishes to have live music at any time).

Motion by Boersma, support by Shay that under section 4-27a of the Spring Lake Township Code of Ordinances to set a public hearing for October 11, 2010 Board meeting to find if the issuance of a new liquor license is in the best interest of the Township.. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Fire Department Hires:

The Fire Department is requesting the hire of four new paid-on-call firefighters.

Motion by Mierle, support by Shay to approve hiring Kurtis Dilley, Scott Bennink, Troy Edmondson, and Scott Hemmelsbach as paid on call fire fighters as presented by Chief Nuvill. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

11. Tractor Purchase:

At the last meeting the Board authorized the purchase of a new Kubota F-2680 tractor mower from Kubota of West Michigan for \$11,220. Since that time we were made aware that Kubota of West Michigan would not stand behind their bid (they did not include the mower deck). Kubota of West Michigan (KOWM) has offered to sell the Tractor to the Township for \$13,013.

Several alternatives were reviewed: 1). Taking legal action to compel the sale. 2). Further negotiating with KOWM. 3). Removing KOWM from bidders and awarding the purchase to the backup bidder.

Staff recommended alternative #3 and requested that the Board authorize the purchase of the F-2680 from The Power Shop for \$13,950.

Motion by Boersma, support by Shay to approve the recommendation of staff and purchase the F-2680 for \$13,950.00 from The Power Shop. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Agreement regarding Energy Efficiency Improvements:

Spring Lake Township received an energy efficiency grant from the Federal stimulus funding. This grant program is administered through Ottawa County. Ottawa County has requested that grantees sign an agreement specifying that the Township will follow the guidelines of the program.

Motion by Boersma, support by Miljan to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement as written. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13. Closed Session:

Motion by Boersma, support by Miljan to go into closed session at 8:57 pm for the purpose of consideration of purchasing real property. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. Motion by Mierle, support by Shay to come out of closed session at 9:19 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

14. Reports:

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

15. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk