

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
November 12, 2012**

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.

6:00pm Work session: The Board reviewed the 2012 Goals and Objectives with a preliminary discussion on 2013.

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

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 7:03pm and closed at 7:06 pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the addition of 6a. Disc Golf; 12a Lloyds Bayou Lake Board; and 5e Approve October 29, 2012 Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve October 8, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve November 3, 2012 Minutes
- c. Approve payment of all fund bills
- d. Receive October 2012 Financials
- e. Approve October 29, 2012 Minutes

6. ZBA Appointment:

There is a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to a resignation. Supervisor Nash has interviewed several people and recommended that the Board consider the appointment of Dean VanderStelt as the ZBA Alternate, term to expire March 31, 2015.

Motion by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve the appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

6a. Disc Golf:

Rob Underhill – the chairman of the newly formed Lakeshore Disc Golf Club – handed out information to the Board regarding the new club and their proposal to build and fully manage a disc golf course on SLT’s Wilson Rd Property. Rob answered Board member questions and said he would be glad to find answers to the questions for which he had no answers. This was a new business item so no action was taken.

7. Fleet Maintenance Resolution:

This is a Resolution to consider joining the North West Ottawa County fleet consortium. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Nash to approve the Resolution to Establish and Join the North Ottawa Equipment Advisory Consortium. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Sewer Authority Bond Resolution:

The Sewer Authority would like to improve the wastewater treatment plant by adding a process for odor control and UV Disinfection. The total project cost is \$3,690,000.00, which will be financed through a bond issuance. The Board was asked to consider Resolutions to fund improvements to the WWTP. There was discussion on the cost versus results of the odor control portion of the project. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Koster to approve the Resolutions as presented. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

9. Generator Maintenance Contract:

As a part of the sewer upgrade project this past year, more of the main lift stations have permanent generators. The Township has always had a contract with Cummins Brideway for annual maintenance to existing generators. A 5 year planned equipment maintenance agreement for 9 generators was presented for review and possible approval. Action will be taken on this issue at the next regular Board meeting.

10. 2013 Water/Sewer Rates:

The Board was presented with a recommendation for the 2013 water/sewer rates. Action will be taken at the December meeting.

11. Approval of Land Transfer Objection:

Properties that have not sold at the County Foreclosure Auctions due to delinquent taxes over several years transfer back to the municipality in which they reside. The municipality has to pass a Resolution accepting or objecting to the transfer of property. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the Resolution of Objection to transfer parcel # 70-03-02-200-033. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval:

In 2006, a Hazard Mitigation Plan for Kent and Ottawa County was approved. A 2012 update has been approved by FEMA, and adopted by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners. The Township Board needs to re-adopt the plan in order to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grants. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Boersma to adopt the 2012 Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12a. Lloyds Bayou Lake Board

The Lloyds Bayou Lake Board (LBLB) has re-written their resolution to make it possible for them to do a wider range of activities. Supervisor Nash had the revised resolution but the Board felt the LBLB SLT representative should be the person making the presentation so the Board voted to table the item until the LBLB Representative was able to make the presentation to the Board.

13. Reports: A time for information sharing was given to certain Board members and the manager.

14. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk