

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
February 13, 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: Planning Report; Budget Review

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 7:08 pm and closed at 7:09 pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda as written. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

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 January 9 & 23, 2011 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive January 2012 Financials

6. Ottawa Conservation District – Betty Huttenga:

Becky Huttenga from the Ottawa County Conservation District presented an update the Board on the activities of the OCCD.

7. Danny Brower/Alex Brower – Boy Scout Project:

Danny Brower and his brother Alex are working on an Eagle Scout project that they presented to the Township Board for sponsorship. The Scouts are working on developing a fenced in dog park within Central Park. The Board will consider the sponsorship amount at a future meeting.

8. Trust Fund Application – Rycenga Park Shelter:

Staff is preparing a MNRTF grant application for the construction of a new park shelter at Rycenga Park. This application should be well received by the Trust Fund because it fits well into the priorities of the MNRTF program. Upgrading, expanding or replacing the bathrooms at the park is also a part of the plan; however, because the park has bathrooms, it is expected that a bathroom addition would not score well in a new grant application. This was a new business item presented to the Board for consideration and will be on the agenda for action at the next Board meeting.

9. Design Engineering Proposal – Potential N. Fruitport Rd Sewer Project:

At the last meeting the Board discussed the request from a property owner for sewer service at the intersection of Fruitport Road and 148th Ave. The sewer master plan shows a future sewer extension which will also provide future service to the homes on Minetta. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Miljan to authorize Prein & Newhof to draft the design engineering for sewer down both N. Fruitport Rd and Minetta at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. RFP For Building Needs:

We have been discussing the Township’s building needs. In 2006 a RFP was sent out for a similar project. Staff will send out a similar RFP asking for assistance on our current needs.

11. Set Annual Meeting – 3/26/12

Motion by Boersma, support by Koster to set the Annual Meeting of the Electors on March 26, 2012, 6:00pm, at the Spring Lake Township Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Set Public Hearing – 3/12/12

Motion by Shay, support by Koster to set the public hearing for the General Appropriations Act on March 12, 2012, 7:00pm at the Spring Lake Township Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Board Salary Resolutions:

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to have the salary for statutory duties of the Supervisor remain at \$15,600.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Miljan, support by Mierle to have the salary for statutory duties of the Clerk remain at \$30,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to have the salary for statutory duties of the Treasurer remain at \$12,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Koster, support by Mierle to have the salary for statutory duties of the 4 Trustees set at \$4,000.00. [RC] With Shay as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

14. Reports: A time for information sharing was given to certain Board members and the manager. During the Manager's report a request was mentioned of the opportunity to replace a JD tractor with a Kubota B2920 at a discounted price of \$ 15,000.00. The trade in value of the JD is \$ 7,000.00, which brings the cash cost down to \$ 8,000.00. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Miljan to authorize the purchase as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk