

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

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Barber School, 102 W Exchange, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

**6:00pm Work session:** Cancelled

**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, Bob Shay

Absent: Judy Miljan,

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 7:02 pm and closed at 7:17 pm. Two comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Shay to approve the agenda with corrections to the February 13 & 27, 2012 minutes. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve February 13 & 27, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive February 2012 Financials

**6. IFEC Request - Meridian:**

Meridian Inc. (Herman Miller) is reinvesting \$7,106,631 in new equipment and building improvements in Spring Lake Township. They have requested an IFEC Certificate to abate a portion of the new taxes that this investment will create for a period of 12 years. If approved and completed, this new investment will save the company approximately \$600,000 over 12 years and increase the new property taxes paid over 12 years by a similar amount.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:23pm. David Miller, Economic Development Director for the Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of approving the request.

**Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to close the public hearing at 7:25pm. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

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

#### **7. General Appropriations Act (2012/13 Budget) – Public Hearing:**

Manager Gallagher presented the 2012/13 budget to the public. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:38pm. Jan Sluka, 16218 Highland Drive, expressed concerns over spending bike path money to put a safe crossing on the Jerusalem Bayou Bridge.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Shay to close the public hearing at 7:54pm. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **8. MNRTF Public Hearing:**

The Township is once again considering requesting a grant from the MNRTF to provide funding for the development of an additional shelter at Rycenga Park. If successful, this will be completed in 2013. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:57pm. David Mayville, with BMA spoke in favor of the new shelter. **Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to close the public hearing at 8:03pm. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to adopt the Resolution to submit application to the MNRTF for a picnic shelter at Rycenga Park. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

#### **9. MDOT Transportation Enhancement Resolution:**

Spring Lake Township would like to submit a request to the Michigan Department of Transportation, Transportation Enhancement Program for a grant in the amount of \$169,200. If successful in receiving these grant funds, the Township will be able to have a separated path included across the Jerusalem Bayou Bridge when it is re-decked later this year. **Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to adopt the Resolution of Approval to Support the Michigan Department of Transportation – Transportation Enhancement Grant for Construction of an eight foot wide pedestrian crossing over Jerusalem Bayou (a.k.a. Cornelius Bayou) in association with the 2012 bridge rehabilitation project on West Spring Lake Road between Hickory Street and Highland Street draft date 3/12/2012. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

#### **10. 2011/12 Budget Amendments:**

In order to ensure that the Township Budget accurately reflects the decisions of the Township Board, on a regular basis there is a need to consider budget amendments. The end of the fiscal year is 3/31/2012. **Motion** by Shay, support by Lindquist to approve the amendment as presented with a change to item d change around Clerk and Elections. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE
<i>Revenue:</i>		State Shared Revenues	652,500	100,000	-
<i>Expense:</i>					
(a)	101-276	Cemetery	140,700	12,000	-
(b)	101-445	Drains	7,000	8,000	-
(b)	101-450	Road Construction	113,000	-	8,000
(c)	101-756	Parks	200,100	70,000	-
(d)	101-191	Elections	12,000	-	4,000
(d)	101-215	Clerk	131,300	4,000	-

BIKE PATH FUND		ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE
<i>Revenue:</i>		Grant Revenue - North Bank Trail	209,100	50,000	-
<i>Expense:</i>					
(e)	208-444	Capital Outlay - North Bank Trail	140,700	50,000	-

LIGHT DISTRICT FUND		ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE
<i>Expense:</i>					
(f)	219-448	Utilities - Light District	154,000	7,000	-

- (a) Additional help in 2011 was the cause for this increase.
- (b) Unanticipated road drain project in North Holiday Hills.
- (c) Increase because of Glafke Acquisition (\$50k); Boardwalk Repair; River Run Project.
- (d) To move part of Beth's time from Clerk to Elections.
- (e) Increase due to a timing issue of funds received and spent for the North Bank Trail Project.
- (f) To account for an increase in the cost for utilities for the Light District.

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

**12. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk