

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
April 9, 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:** Chief Nuwill presented the 2011 Fire Department Annual Report. Lukas Hill, SLT Community Development Director, gave the Board a list of Township property holdings. A work session will be dedicated to a discussion on the viability of retaining some of these holdings sometime in the future.

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

Clerk Boersma called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Judy Miljan

Absent: John Nash, Bob Shay

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager, Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

**2. Invocation and Pledge:**

Clerk Boersma opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to appoint Carolyn Boersma as the Chairperson of this meeting in the absence of Supervisor Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Comment:**

Public comment was opened at 7:02 pm and closed at 7:14 pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve March 12 & 26, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive March 2012 Financials

**6. Fruitport Rd Sewer Project Bids:**

On Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> bids were opened for the proposed sewer extension on N. Fruitport Road to Minetta. West Michigan Dirtworks was the low bidder at \$114,285.96. The report by the engineers suggests a selection of Thompson Brothers Inc. for a total project cost of \$114,316.00. With the high traffic on N. Fruitport Road, and because the trench for installing this sewer line will likely be deep and wet, our staff is recommending Thompson Brothers Inc. for the project. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Miljan to approve the recommendation to award the bid to Thompson Brothers Inc. for \$114,316.00 for the following reasons: Thompson Brothers has more experience with sanitary sewer construction in

public roadways, the \$31.00 difference between bids was minimal, Thompson Brothers made allowance for dewatering, Prein & Newhof's comfort level with Thompson Brothers. [RC] The motion carried unanimously

**7. Par Plan Grant Resolution:**

Our insurance company, Michigan Townships Participating Plan, is offering grants to local units of government. As part of the application process, there is a requirement that the Board pass a resolution of support for the request.

“The Risk Reduction Grant Program has been established to assist members in reducing specific risk exposures and to assist our members in their efforts of applying effective risk management and loss and control techniques for exposures the Par Plan insures.”

Our request is to outfit our Fire Department with “Setcom” wireless radios. The purpose of these radios is to provide direct communication via wired helmets for our officers at fire scenes. These radios work in a similar fashion to the type of hands free system that motorcycle riders use to talk to each other. The total cost is \$5,562.50. The grant request will be for \$5,000.00, leaving a balance of \$562.50 to be paid out of the general fund. **Motion** by Miljan, support by Mierle to adopt a Resolution of Support for the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**8. PA 152 Opt Out:**

Public Act 152 of 2011, also known as the “Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act” established standards for medical plan premiums for government employees throughout the State of Michigan. Many local governments have determined that it is in their best interest to determine what level of wages and benefits should be paid to their staff without State mandates. **Motion** by Miljan, support by Lindquist to adopt a Resolution Electing To Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by Exercising the Township's Right to Exempt Itself from the Requirements of the Act for the next Succeeding Year. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Coastal Zone Grant Resolution:**

Spring Lake Township is continuing efforts to get a complete connection of the bike path system around Spring Lake. It now appears that the Township was successful in getting a separated path across the bridge that will be re-decked in 2012.

Efforts are now being focused on funding approaches to the bridge bike path. The Board was presented for consideration a resolution supporting a \$50,000 grant application to the Coastal Zone Management program. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to adopt the Resolution of Approval to Support the Michigan Coastal Management Grant Application for Construction of Pedestrian/Bike Facility on the Bridge over Jerusalem Bayou on West Spring Lake Road. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**11. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk