

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
May 14, 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 discussed the possible purchase of a building for a larger fire station on the west side of Spring Lake.

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, Judy Miljan

Absent: 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 7:03 pm and closed at 7:17 pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda with the addition of 15a Heritage Festival and 15b Precinct Location. 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 April 9, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive April 2012 Financials

6. Vander Mill Act 198 Tax District:

Vander Mill is planning on a significant expansion of their building on M-104 for the purpose of developing added space to process new types of wines. They are marketing to a significant distributor in the Chicago area and believe that they need added processing area. The Planning Commission has given approval to the use of this new addition. The owners would like to request an IFEC for the new construction. The first step in this process is to hold a public hearing and to set up an Industrial Development District.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:25pm. Paul Vanderheide, owner of Vander Mill, spoke on his own behalf for a positive outcome of the request. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to close the public hearing at 7:29pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to adopt the first Resolution to establish an Industrial Development District on a parcel owned by Vander Mill LLC as provided for in Act 198 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1974. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Liquor License - Arboreal:

The owner of the Arboreal property (Kathleen Reister) requested to have the liquor license transferred into her name. Also, the potential new operators of the restaurant (Donald & Karen Weersing) would like to pursue acquiring of a new liquor license in case the transfer takes too long or is held up due to liens. Only one license would be granted to the location. However they are requesting Board approval of both paths in order to expedite the process. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Miljan to recommend the transfer on the condition that a new license is not granted and only one license is given to the Arboreal. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Miljan to recommend approving the issuance of a new license on the condition that a license transfer is not granted and only one license is given to the Arboreal. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. 2012 Business Recognition Award:

Each spring, the Township selects a business to be recognized at the Annual Chamber Business Recognition luncheon. Last year the Township selected the Spring Lake Country Club. The Board discussed several exceptional companies. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to select Falcon Tool for the 2012 Business Recognition Award. The motion carried unanimously.

9. 2012 Roadwork Recommendation:

Each year the Township Board considers road resurfacing projects based on need and budget constraints. This year the Board budgeted \$75,000 for road improvements. Based on the previous year's estimates and discussion, this year the recommendation is on the remaining North Holiday Hills subdivision streets. Staff received an estimate from the Ottawa County Road Commission for the installation of a fiber mat wearing surface. This is similar to the work that has been done each year for the last few years. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the bid from Terry Asphalt for \$78,557.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. Village Agreement – Housing Inspection Services:

The Village of Spring Lake has a rental housing inspection program. We were approached by the Village to do the inspections for this program and we agreed in principle on a plan to accomplish this. The Village has prepared an agreement and it had been reviewed by the Township Attorney. The issue was set aside until a more definite plan can be considered.

11. Lovell Park Purchase Resolution:

Several years back the Township had dealt with legal issues surrounding the development of a significant parcel of property in the Lovell Park subdivision. Recently the County foreclosed on that same parcel for non-payment of taxes. The State of Michigan gets the first opportunity to acquire the parcel (which is unlikely). Then the Township has the opportunity to acquire the parcel.

If the Township desires to acquire the parcel, the Township must pay the back taxes (\$7,518) and indicate the public purpose for the acquisition. **Motion** by Miljan, support by Mierle to approve the acquisition of the Lovell Park property from the County. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Water Tower Lease Amendment:

The Township has a lease agreement with AT&T for the location of cellular equipment on (and next to) the Van Wagoner Road water tower. AT&T has requested to place additional equipment on the tower. In order to do this, they are required to have an amendment to the lease agreement. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Miljan to approve the amendment to the lease agreement with AT&T for additional equipment on the water tower provided an additional rental fee is received. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13. Engineering Proposal for Jerusalem Bayou Bridge:

It appears that the separated path, attached to the bridge across the Jerusalem Bayou is going to be accomplished well within the Township's budget for this project. The Township will be able to complete the approaches within budget as well. The next step in preparing to construct the approaches is authorization of the design engineering. A cost proposal was received from Prein & Newhof for \$46,380.00. This quote included \$24,871.00 for design engineering and \$21,509.00 for construction engineering. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve the proposal as submitted for \$46,380.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

14. Par Plan Resolution:

Member representatives of the Michigan Township Participating Plan will soon be electing Zone Representatives. Each Par Plan member selects a representative by resolution. The Board is taking no action on this issue.

15. Fire Department Property Acquisition:

Motion by Boersma, support by Koster to go into closed session to consider the purchase of real property at 8:40pm. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. Motion by Miljan, support by Lindquist to come out of closed session at 8:55pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Miljan to exercise the purchase option for the Van Cura building, 18960 174th Ave. for \$325,00.00 with discretionary increase if needed by the Township Manager. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Miljan to sell SLT Fire Station #2, 18516 174th for \$85,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to exercise the purchase option for 106 N. Fruitport Rd, the property on the northeast corner of N. Fruitport Rd and M104. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

15a. Heritage Festival:

Every year the Township is requested to sponsor the Heritage Festival. The usual sponsorship is \$1,000.00. The Township will again be a sponsor for 2012.

15b. Precinct 1 Location:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to move the Precinct 1 polling place from SLT Fire Station #2, 18516 174th Ave to 18960 174th Ave contingent on the sale of the 174th fire station by June 1, 2012. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

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

17. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk