

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
June 11, 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:** Consumers Energy presented the smart meter program that will be taking place in northwest Ottawa County. The Board had a brief discussion about item 11 on the agenda.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

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 7:12 pm and closed at 7:23 pm. Four comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Shay 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 May 14, 2012 Minutes
- b. Approve May 14, 2012 Closed Session Minutes
- c. Approve payment of all fund bills
- d. Receive May 2012 Financials

**6. Waste Hauler Contracts:**

Each year the Township contracts with waste haulers in SLT to provide garbage collection services in accordance with our Township Ordinances. The Board discussed several proposed changes to the agreements. A final draft will be available for action at the July Board meeting.

**7. Rental Housing Inspection Program:**

The Village of Spring Lake has a rental housing inspection program. The Township was approached by the Village to do the inspections for this program and we agreed in principle on a plan to accomplish this. At the last meeting the Board discussed an agreement that the Village prepared and tabled the matter. If The Township is not interested in partnering on this project, the Village is prepared to have their building inspector conduct the inspections. No action was taken on this issue.

**8. Resurfacing Priorities:**

This year the Township budgeted \$75,000 for road resurfacing projects. With this funding in mind, staff prepared a proposal to complete the surface treatment on the roads in the North Holiday Hills subdivision. The first estimate from Terry Asphalt was \$78,558. The second estimate was from the Ottawa County Road Commission for \$168,040. Staff was directed by the Board to talk to Terry Asphalt about re-pricing the bid with the inclusion of the final 2 roads in the subdivision.

**9. Scholten Fant Legal Representation of the Village of Spring Lake in the event of an Appeal:**

The Village of Spring Lake had begun legal action (in Circuit Court) against the Ottawa County Elections Commission to remove the disincorporation proposal from the August 7 ballot. There had been some concern about the ability of Scholten Fant to avoid a conflict of interest in this case because of the ramifications to both the Village of Spring Lake and Spring Lake Township.

**10. NOCH Representative – Term to expire 6/30/2015:**

For the last three years, Tim Boersma has represented Spring Lake Township on the NOCH Board of Trustees. Tim’s term is complete on June 30<sup>th</sup> and he has indicated that he is appreciative of being able to have served in this capacity; he will not seek to be re-appointed to this position. Motion by Nash, support by Lindquist to appoint Gordon Gallagher as the Township representative on the NOCH Board, term to expire on 6/30/2015. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Fire Department:**

**Building Improvements:**

At the last meeting the Township Board approved the purchase of the VanCura Building located at 18964 174<sup>th</sup> Ave. The building will need remodeling to transform it into our new Fire Department training facility. The current estimate for these improvements is \$150,000.

**Budget Items:**

With the consideration of purchase of several parcels of property, and the potential renovation of the Training Center, there is a need to provide budget amendments to accomplish these efforts. Motion by Shay, support by Lindquist to amend the General Appropriations Act to reflect an increase of

\$545,000.00 to the Fire department, and a decrease of that same amount to the fund balance. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**12. Purchase of Real Property:**

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Shay to go into closed session to consider the purchase of real property at 9:04pm. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. A motion was supported and voted on to come out of closed session at 9:23pm.

The Township has an option to buy the vacant land next to the corner parcel on the northeast corner of M104 and N. Fruitport Rd (known as parcel 2). The asking price is \$225,000.00 **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to exercise the option to buy parcel 2 on land contract for the terms that Manager Gallagher negotiates. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

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

**14. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk