

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
October 14, 2013**

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: Dan Veldhuizen from Siegfried Crandall presented to the Board the 2012/13 Financial Statement (Audit report).

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, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra

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 7:14pm and closed at 7:15pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda with these additions: 8a SL Lake Board Report; 10a Paving Discussion; 12a Closed session to consider the purchase of real property; also the deletion of 11 Budget Amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

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 September 9, 2013 Regular Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive September 2013 Financials
- d. Appoint Pat Misner to the Cemetery Board

6. IFEC Request – Active Manufacturing

Active Manufacturing is located on Hickory Street in Spring Lake Township in our Industrial Park. They are seeking a 50% reduction in the increased tax bill that they will receive if they invest over \$700,000 in new production equipment. The request is for the maximum 12 years.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:31pm. No comments were offered at this time.

Motion by Mierle, support by Terpstra to close the public hearing at 7:15pm. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

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

7. IFEC Request – Automotive Casting Technology (C-T-C) - 2 Applications

CTC is located on Apple Ave. in Spring Lake Township. They submitted two requests and are seeking a 50% reduction in the increased tax bill that they will receive if they invest over \$2.7 Million and \$1.7 Million in new production equipment. The request is for the maximum 12 years. With the investment of new equipment, they anticipate adding an additional 40 employees to their facility.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:48pm. .

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to close the public hearing at 7:49pm. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

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

8. Chamber Agreement

The Township has historically contracted with the Chamber for providing economic development services. The Township's cost of these services is proposed to be \$18,294 for a year beginning October 1, 2013. The Chamber is again asking for a 3 year agreement which includes built-in increases based on the CPI. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to approve the agreement as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8a. SL Lake Board Report

Supervisor Nash gave a brief report on the status of the alum treatment and phragmites spraying.

9. Board Reports

A time for information sharing was given to various Board members.

10. No Wake Ordinance

The last step in establishing a "Slow-No Wake" zone on the Grand River is for both Spring Lake and Grand Haven Townships to adopt an ordinance. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to adopt and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Grand River South Channel No Wake Zone Ordinance, draft date 9/14/13 as presented. [RC] With Homan and Nash the only supporting votes the motion failed.

10a. Paving Discussion

The OCRC would like to pave Railroad Street. The 2013/14 budgeted amount was \$35,000.00.

Motion by Nash , support by Mierle to approve the project contingent on a good faith guarantee from the OCRC that application of asphalt will last 7 years because of the severe cracking of the road. [RC] With Lindquist and Boersma as the dissenting votes the motion carried.

11. Budget Amendments – Deleted

12. Resolution Supporting HB 4624 (NB)

Under House Bill 4624, an employee of a public fire department could volunteer for or seek and accept part-time or paid on-call employment with another fire department if that employment did not conflict with his or her performance of the original employment. Currently the Spring Lake Fire Department depends on fire personnel that are currently working full-time at other municipalities. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Homan to approve a Resolution supporting HB4624. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12a. Closed Session

Motion by Mierle, support by Homan to go into closed session at 9:55pm to consider the purchase of real property. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. The Board voted to come in open session at 10:18pm

13. Reports:

A time for information sharing was given to the Supervisor and Manager.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk