

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
July 8, 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: The Board received a report on the progress of the disc golf course that is being constructed the Wilson Road property.

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

Absent: None

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

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to move the meeting to Barber School due to the lack of sufficient seating for the attendees. The motion carried unanimously.
The meeting reconvened at 7:14pm.

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 7:15pm and closed at 7:16pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda as written. 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 June 10 & 25, 2013 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive June 2013 Financials

6. Fire Special Assessment District (SAD):

Manager Gallagher presented a power point explaining the special assessment to the audience. The public hearing was opened for comment at 7:25pm by Supervisor Nash. The following 13 people offered these comments:

Doug Hines, 15374 Oakridge – Is in favor of the special assessment because it adds value to the fire department.

Bob Lubbers, 608 Edgewater Ct – Is in favor of the special assessment because it provides a valuable service.

Tom Spelman, 18049 Lovell Rd – Is not in favor of the special assessment. He feels we should consolidate services with Ferrysburg.

John Martin, 18505 Shawnee Dr – stated that we should look into combining departments, a vote of the people should be considered.

Ken Hoexum, 18195 North Shore Estates – wants details on what the money is used for.

John Stuparits, 15438 Trail Ct – supports SAD, praised SLT for getting more bang for the buck.

John Cleveland, 18340 148th Ave – feels this is taxation without representation.

Norma Cook, 19104 Ravine Ridge – does not like the location of the possible new fire station.

Darcy Dye, 119 N. Fruitport Rd – taxpayers do not have the full information about the SAD.

Robert Henry, 18043 Lovell RD – Asked if Board control over fire department would be forfeited with the SAD.

Marcia Braunschneider, 126 N. Fruitport – Opposes SAD and new fire station on NE corner of Fruitport and M104.

Dean Vanderstelt, 17996 Hathaway Ct – Opposes SAD.

When everyone was given an opportunity to speak a **motion** was made by Lindquist and supported by Mierle to close the public hearing at 7:54pm. The motion carried unanimously.

After Supervisor Nash answered the questions that were raised during the public comment, he thanked everyone for coming and invited them to stay for the remainder of the meeting. A **motion** was made by Homan, and supported by Terpstra to move the meeting back to the Township Hall at 8:15pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Nash reconvened the meeting at 8:20pm.

The Board discussed the value of the SAD and their support of moving forward with the process.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Boersma to adopt the 2nd Resolution which sets a public hearing on August 12, 2013 to meet, hear, and consider any objections to the special assessment roll. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Amendment to Ordinance 231, Fireworks:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to adopt and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Fireworks Amendment Ordinance, draft date 7/3/2013, as written. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Board Reports

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

9. Building Permit Fee Schedule

Several Board members would like staff to further review the proposed rates.

10. Roger Belnap Report

The first stage of sharing a DPW Director with the Village of Spring Lake has ended. Roger shared his experience and thoughts with the Board. Roger stated that he would like to continue the association.

11. Reports:

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

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk