

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
January 13, 2014**

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 met at Barber School with the Village of Spring Lake council.

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

Clerk Boersma called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. **Motion** by Homan, support by Terpstra to appoint Carolyn Boersma as Chairman for this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Present: Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Larry Mierle,
Rachel Terpstra

Absent: John Nash

Participants: Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

2. Invocation and Pledge:

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

3. Public Comment:

Public comment was opened at 7:02pm and closed at 7:03pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda with the deletion of items 10, 11, and 12; and a correction to the December 9, 2013 minutes, Rick Homan was absent, not present. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the consent agenda. With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

- a. Approve December 9, 2013 Regular and Closed session meeting minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive December 2013 Financials

6. Lauren Plastics IFEC Request

Spring Lake Township is pleased to welcome Lauren Plastics to Michigan. They have acquired ISO-Trude (a plastics extruding company) located on VanWagoner Road. Lauren Plastics is committed to adding 70+ employees over the next two years. This is in addition to the over 70 current employees. Lauren is planning on investing \$4.7M in the facility. They are requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for this new investment. If approved, there will be a 50% reduction on the new investment for the next 12 years.

Clerk Boersma opened the public hearing at 7:08pm. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to close the public hearing at 7:10pm. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the Resolution granting the IFEC request for 12 years at 50% as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. CR Phase II Proposal

CR Architecture has been assisting the Township with the design of the new Fire Station and Township Administrative Offices. Staff would like to continue working with CR Architecture through completion of the project. The requested action is: approval of extending the Township's agreement with CR Architecture to include Phase II, contingent upon successful completion of Phase I. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to grant the request as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Water/Sewer Rates

Annually, SLT reviews our water & sewer rates to ensure that the rates are appropriate for supporting the water distribution system and sewer collection system. The recommendation from staff is to raise the sewer commodity rate by 3% and reduce the water commodity charge by 2%. Additionally, there are several miscellaneous fees and charges that are being recommended for adjustment. **Motion** by Homan, support by Mierle to adopt the Resolution on file that would increase the sewer commodity rate by 3%, effective with the 1st qtr. billing cycle of 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Reports

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

10. Bike Path Millage Renewal - Deleted

11. 2014/15 Budget Discussion – Deleted

12. Reports – Manager, Supervisor – Deleted

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk