

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
February 10, 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: Chief Sipe presented a report on the fire department activity to date.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

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 7:08pm and closed at 7:25pm. Two comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the deletion of 6 Fire Department Report. 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 January 13, 2014 Regular and January 27, 2014 Regular and Closed session meeting minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive January 2014 Financials

6. Fire Department Report - Deleted

7. PLoT – Mill Point Senior Housing

Mr. Phil Seybert has requested a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Ordinance to accommodate the construction of a 24 unit senior housing development on Liberty St. in the Village of Spring Lake similar to what the Township has for Lloyds Bayou Senior complex. Township Attorney Ron Bultje prepared the ordinance for review. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to approve the ordinance, draft date 2/10/14 with the corrections requested by Mr. Seybert to the name of the unit, the partnership building the unit, and the ability to have a conventional lender option. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Emergency Medical Services Contract

At the August Board meeting the Emergency Medical Services Contract between North Ottawa Health Systems and the local units of government was given to Board members to review. Action was not taken on this issue at that time. Motion by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve the contract as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Reports

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

10. 2013/14 Budget Amendments

A resolution will be prepared to amend the General Appropriations Act and put on a future agenda for action.

11. Planning Commission Correspondence

The Planning Commission was directed by the Board to consider making accessory buildings a ZBA issue, instead of a special land use. Historically the ZBA did hear those requests. A change was made with the zoning ordinance rewrite. The Planning Commission submitted their response to the Board.

12. Bike Path Millage Renewal

This issue will be put on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

13. 2014/15 Budget Discussion

By state law, resolutions for Board salaries need to be approved a month before the annual meeting of the electors.

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to have the salary for statutory duties of the Supervisor remain at \$15,600.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to have the salary for statutory duties of the Clerk remain at \$30,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to have the salary for statutory duties of the Treasurer remain at \$12,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to have the salary for statutory duties of the 4 Trustees remain at \$4,000.00. [RC] With a unanimous vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mierle, support by Nash to set the Budget Public Hearing for March 10, 2014 at 7:00pm during the regular Board of Trustees meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to set a special meeting for February 18, 2014 at 6:00pm to replace the second regular February meeting that was scheduled on February 17, 2014.

14. Reports

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

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk