

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
February 18, 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.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager

**2. Invocation and Pledge:**

Supervisor Nash opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Public Comment:**

Public comment was opened at 6:03pm and closed at 6:04pm. No comments were offered at this time.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda with the addition of 7a Finance Director and a correction to the agenda numbering. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. North Shore Estates Special Assessment – Set Public Hearing**

The Township has been receiving petition letters from the property owners within the North Shore Estates development. The petitions are a request to set up a special assessment district to re-construct the road through their neighborhood. Enough positive signatures were received from the property owners. The first step in the process is to set a public hearing for consideration of need for the project.

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to approve Resolution #1 that states the project and sets the public hearing to consider the need of the project. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Leonard Rd/Grand River Wetland Purchase**

The Township has been acquiring open space along the Grand River on Leonard Rd. Another piece became available known as the Bottema property. The Township had an option to purchase the property for \$45,000.00. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Homan to exercise the option and purchase the property and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the purchase documents. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**6a. 2013/14 Budget Amendments**

As a result of the Fire Special Assessment District, further amendments are needed to for proper accounting. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the amendments as presented. [RC]  
The motion carried unanimously.

**7. 2014/15 Budget Discussion**

A final draft of the budget to be presented to the public at the March 10 Board meeting was given to the Board to review.

**7a. Finance Director**

Motion by Mierle, support by Homan to accept the resignation of employment from Dan Visser as the Finance Director. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk