

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
June 9, 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: LFDA discussion; Road Millage Survey; Harbor

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

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 7:32pm and closed at 7:36pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the addition of 13a. Rycenga Park Pump and 13b Pump Station at Bayou Meadows. 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 May 12, 2014 Regular and Closed Session Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive May 2014 Financials

6. Concept Metal Group IFEC Request

Concept Metal Group purchased a building on 148th along with the closely held Integriccoat Company. They are requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for 12 years on their \$771,484 investment in Spring Lake Township. It is anticipated that this investment will mean 7 to 10 new jobs in addition to the already existing jobs at the site.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:56pm. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Homan to close the public hearing at 7:58pm. The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Mierle to approve the Resolution granting the IFEC request for 12 years at 50% as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Ottawa County Technology Proposal

The Township computer system is beginning to show its age. Staff has been talking to the Ottawa County IT Department about the possibilities of their hosting our servers. The Township would access the data over the internet or through fiber. This technology is here and it appears to be viable. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to accept the IT Pilot Project from Ottawa County, draft date 6-6-14. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. North Shore Estates Road Bid

The Township received bids for the reconstruction of North Shore Estates Road project. The lowest bid came in significantly higher than what was expected. Manager Gallagher will inform the Association Board of the bid responses. The project may possibly have another public hearing on the assessment roll if it is to move forward.

Related Project: Staff would like to replace the 10 fire hydrants that are located on North Shore Estates Road. An amount of \$10,000 was budgeted in the Water Fund to replace fire hydrants this year. The DPW Director would like to replace these hydrants before the road project takes place. This project will be decided when the North Shore Estates project bid has been accepted.

9. Resolution Accepting Tax Reverted Land

There is a small strip of property that is contiguous to the Township owned Wilson Road property up for a tax sale from Ottawa County. The Township has first right of refusal and will have to pay \$590 (past due tax bill) to acquire this property. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to adopt the Resolution of Approval to purchase real property, parcel #70-03-05-200-019. [RC] With no dissenting votes the motion carried.

10. Board Reports

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

11. Consideration of Property Donation

Mr. Ott and Mr. Doss have offered to donate a 5 acre piece of property to the Township. The parcel is valued at \$130,000 by the Township assessor. The Board will take action on the issue after receiving a Phase I Environmental Review.

12. Park Reservation System

At the last Board meeting there was discussion regarding the potential partnering with Ottawa County on a park shelter reservation system. All reservations can be completed on line through the Township website utilizing the County reservation system. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Terpstra to accept the proposal from Ottawa County to partner with them for reserving Rycenga Park shelters. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13. Road Work Priorities

The Township has budgeted \$135,000 for road work. Supervisor Nash and Manager Gallagher presented a proposed list of priority projects within the budgeted amount. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the road improvement project, draft dated 6-4-2014 and to pursue the bid process thru the Ottawa County Road Commission. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

13a. Rycenga Park Pump

The irrigation pump at Rycenga Park stopped working. An appraisal was received from DeWind Water Well for \$5,470.40 to correct the problem. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to authorize DeWind to repair the well per the scope of work and cost estimate as presented. [RC] With no dissenting votes the motion carried.

13b. Pump Station at Bayou Meadows

The pump station at Bayou Meadows (PS30) has reached its 20 year life expectancy. A design engineering proposal was received from Prein & Newhof for \$15,173.00. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the proposal for design engineering of PS30 as submitted. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

14. Reports

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

15. Closed Session to consider possible purchase of real property.

Motion by Boersma, support by Homan to go into closed session at 9:35pm to consult with Attorney Bultje concerning specific pending litigation and to consider the purchase of real property. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of closed session at 10:32pm.

16. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk