

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
August 11, 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: 2014 Strategic Plan and Goals progress review

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

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 7:02pm and closed at 7:20pm. Three comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the deletion of 7. Disc Golf Report. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Approve July 14, 2014 Regular and Closed Session Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive July 2014 Financials

6. Supreme Machine IFEC Request

Supreme Machined Products is located on 172nd Ave in Spring Lake Township in our Industrial Park. They are seeking a 50% reduction in the increased tax bill that they will receive if they invest \$4 Million in new production equipment and \$1.9 Million in a building expansion. The request is for the maximum 12 years. It should be noted that with this investment of new equipment, they anticipate adding an additional 12 employees to their facility (They already have over 100 employees).

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:25pm. No comments were offered. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to close the public hearing at 7:26pm. 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. Disc Golf Report - Deleted

8. Master Plan Update

At our last meeting the Board reviewed the proposed Master Plan Update. The Township Board may approve the update for distribution to adjacent municipalities (which will begin the 90 day review period) or the Township Board may send the Master Plan back to the Planning Commission with suggested modifications prior to distribution. Modifications may still be made after the review period is over by the Township Board. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to proceed with the mandatory distribution and direct Lukas Hill to continue to consult with the area planners and maybe an outside professional source for input. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Fire Services Committee Assignment

The Township still has a contract to provide fire services to the Village of Spring Lake. The contract calls for a Fire Advisory Committee consisting of five members. The five members are: The managers from each community, the Fire Chief and an elected official from each community. Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to appoint Jim Koster to the Fire Advisory Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Reports

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

11. NESAs – Letter of Understanding w/Ferrysburg

Spring Lake Township has contracted with Jackson Merkey to repave North Shore Estates Road in the Township. The City of Ferrysburg has indicated a willingness to complete the other sections of this road that are located within the City of Ferrysburg. The easiest way to accomplish this is to add the Ferrysburg section to our contract with Jackson Merkey. In order to do this, we need an agreement with the City of Ferrysburg to pay for their section of the road. A contract will be available for review at the September Board meeting.

12. Reports

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

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

Motion by Lindquist, support by Boersma to go into closed session at 8:30pm to consider the purchase of real property. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:59pm.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk