

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
January 12, 2015**

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: 2015/16 Budget; 2015 Goals & Objectives

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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 7:07pm and closed at 7:08pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the correction to 5a, to include in the 12-8-2014 minutes that the Fire Department report was given during the work session. 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 8, 2014 Regular Minutes – Amended
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive December 2014 Financials
- d. Appointment to Harbor Transit Board – Supervisor & Manager

6. Resolution of Appreciation

Ron Brondyke has worked for the Township for 36 years. A Resolution of Appreciation was prepared for the Board’s approval. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the Resolution of Appreciation to Ron Brondyke for all the years of service to Spring Lake Township. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. 2015 Water/Sewer Rates

After reviewing the numbers further, staff recommended a 4% increase in sewer rates and a 3% decrease in water rates for 2015. During the last audit report, it was pointed out that the trend in our sewer fund has been downward. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Terpstra, to approve the recommended sewer rate increase of 4% and water rate decrease of 3%. [RC] With Koster, Homan and Lindquist as the dissenting votes, the motion was approved 4-3.

8. Board Reports

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

9. 2014/15 Appropriations Act Amendment

To ensure the Township Budget accurately reflects the decisions of the Township Board, there is a need to regularly consider budget amendments. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to approve the Appropriations Act Amendment, Draft Date 1-9-15, including the budget dated 1-8-15. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
Revenue:					
101-000-469.000	Franchise Fees	180,000	24,000		204,000
101-000-566.000	Rycenga Park Grant	-	46,500	-	46,500
101-000-574.000	Revenue Sharing	837,700	92,401	-	930,101
101-000-678.000	View & Villa Park - Snowplowing	3,000	200	-	3,200
Expense:					
101-450	Road Construction (1)	135,000	4,500		139,500
101-756	Parks (2)	257,300	321,132	-	578,432

FIRE FUND	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
<i>Revenue:</i>					
<i>Expense:</i>					
206-336	Operations (Set aside for Capital Replacement)	194,900		70,000	124,900
206-901	Capital Projects	-	70,000		70,000

CAPITAL REPLACEMENT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING	INCREASE	DECREASE	ENDING
<i>Revenue:</i>					
<i>Expense:</i>					
259-899	Building - Fire Department (1)	-	17,420		17,420
259-905	Debt Service (2)	-	3,909		3,909
259-901	Capital Projects (3)	-	4,361		4,361

10. Harbor Transit Resolutions

a. Request to Approve Membership

b. Amendment to Articles of Incorporation

As part of implementing Harbor Transit service to Spring Lake Township, there are two items which need to be considered. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Homan, to adopt the resolution to request to approve membership in Harbor Transit. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Homan, support by Terpstra, to approve the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

11. CR Architecture Scope of Work and Proposal (NB)

CR Architecture continues to assist the Township with the design of the new Fire Station. We are preparing to present our new concepts to the Village Planning Commission informally in February and formally in March.

12. Approval of OCRC Road Project List (NB)

The Road Commission has presented a report on how they recommend using the first 5 years' worth of new funding to improve the roads in each township. The recommended projects for Spring Lake Township are

168th/Hemlock: VanWagoner to W Spring Lake Rd in 2016, and Hickory/Palm: 174th Ave to the county line in 2019. This will be discussed at the January 26 meeting.

13. Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussion of Leasing and Purchase of Real Property

Motion by Mierle, support by Homan, to go into closed session at 7:55pm to consider leasing and purchase of real property. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:53pm.

14. Reports

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

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk