

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
February 23, 2015**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at the Spring Lake Fire Station #2, 18964 174th Ave, 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, Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra, Ron Lindquist

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager

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 6:02pm and closed at 6:03pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Dutch Girl Brewery Liquor License Public Hearing

The owner of Dutch Girl Brewery presented at the February Board meeting. The Board set the public hearing for a liquor license request for the February 23 meeting. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 6:58pm. A **motion** by Mierle, supported by Homan to close the public hearing at 6:59pm carried unanimously. No public comments were offered. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the Resolution granting local government approval for the application to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission, from Dutch Girl Brewery, for a Micro-Brewery and Small Wine Making License. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote, the motion carried.

6. Permit Fee for the Keeping of Chickens

At the February 9 Board meeting the Board adopted a zoning amendment ordinance that would allow the keeping of chickens by a permit process with approval from staff. The Fee structure was to be set by resolution at the February 23 Board meeting. Staff prepared a recommendation which entailed a non-refundable initial fee of \$40.00, with a three year renewal period for \$15.00 or \$30.00 if changes are proposed or if a previous violation occurred. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the Resolution as presented. [RC] With Koster as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

7. 2015/16 Budget Discussion

Each Board member does a review of the Township Manager. The results are compiled anonymously. The final score is a gage by which the manager's performance is rated. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being unsatisfactory and 5 be exceptional, the overall score was a 4.42.

As part of the discussion on the final draft of the budget and General Appropriations Act that will be presented at the public hearing, the Board approved with a **motion** by Lindquist and support from Mierle grade 9 of the wage matrix, placing the manager on step 3 of the grade 9 matrix, and adding an additional week of vacation to the manager's PTO. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. The proposed millage rates will be as follows: General Operating - .4500; Bike Path - .4900; Light District - .3200; Fire District – 1.1500.

8. Set Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Mierle, support by Boersma, to set the Budget Public Hearing for March 9, 2015, 7:00pm at the Township Hall at 106 S. Buchanan, Spring Lake Michigan, 49456. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Set Annual Meeting

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to set the Annual Meeting of the Electors for March 23, 6:00pm at Fire Station #2 at 18964 174th Ave, Spring Lake, Michigan 49456. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Walters/Crissman Request

There is a sewer pump station that was serving one home that has now been properly abandoned by the Township. The owner of the property on which the pump station existed, is requesting that the Township also relinquish the easement that was in place for Township staff to be able to access the pump station for maintenance. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Homan to abandon the easement and any agreements pertaining to the easement as necessary. [RC] The motion carried unanimously

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

During his report, Supervisor Nash shared that he had several meetings with All Shores Wesleyan Church concerning a road/driveway extension and bike path easement. The Supervisor and Manager are proposing setting up an agreement in lieu of a special assessment to pay for the road /driveway improvements. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to conceptually approve the driveway special assessment agreement. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. Closed Session – A closed session was not held.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk