

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
March 9, 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: SLV Lease Agreement; OCRC Road Info

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 7:03pm and closed at 7:04pm. No comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the addition of 5d Waterfront Stadium Presentation. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

- a. Approve February 9 & 23, 2015 Regular/Closed Session Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive February 2015 Financials

5d. Waterfront Stadium Presentation

Mayor Gerri McCaleb and Manager Pat McGinnis from the City of Grand Haven presented plans for future upgrade of Waterfront Stadium.

6. 2015/16 Budget Public Hearing

Manager Gallagher presented the budget for the 2014/15 fiscal year. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:38pm. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to close the public hearing at 7:39pm. No comments were offered. The motion carried unanimously. Action will be taken on the budget at the March 23, 2014 Board meeting.

7. MNRTF Resolution – Rycenga Park Bathroom Improvements

The Township is considering a grant from the MNRTF to provide funding for improvements to the restroom facilities at Rycenga Park. The State requires a Resolution of Approval to support the application by the Township Board. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:45pm. Diane Schindlbeck, Spring Lake, 49456 supported the project. Ron Brondyke, Spring Lake, 49456 also was in favor of the project. **Motion** by Mierle, support by Lindquist to close the public Hearing at 7:47pm. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Homan to adopt the Resolution of Approval to Support the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for a Bathroom Addition and Universal Design Improvements at Rycenga Park as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Finance Agreement Amendment – City of Grand Haven

The Township is currently contracting with the City of Grand Haven and Ottawa County for shared finance staff. Staff has requested that the agreements with each municipality be altered to use less staff from the County and more staff from the City of Grand Haven. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the modified agreement as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Board Reports

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

10. Financial Advisor Agreement

The Board had previously discussed using Warren Cramer of RW Baird as a financial advisor for the Township's upcoming fire station bonding. He has already been assisting us through the process of preparing to sell bonds to finance the project. Although consensus has already been reached on using Warren, there is a need to approve a formal agreement. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to approve and authorize the Township Manager to sign the Financial Advisory Services Agreement with RW Baird. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. Side note: It was disclosed that Clerk Boersma's husband works for RW Baird but not in the Public Finance division of Baird.

11. Discussion on State Proposal 1 Road Funding

Manager Gallagher will bring a draft Resolution of Support for the proposed State road funding special election.

12. Reports

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

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk