

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
April 13, 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:** Planning Department Update

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

Clerk Boersma called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist Larry Mierle, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: John Nash, Rick Homan

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

**2. Invocation and Pledge:**

Clerk Boersma opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Public Comment:**

Public comment was opened at 7:12pm and closed at 7:13pm. 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. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

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

- a. Approve March 9 & 23, 2015 Regular/Closed Session Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive March 2015 Financials
- d. 2015 Waste Hauler Agreements

**6. 2015 OCRC Road Improvement Estimate**

The Ottawa County Road Commission (OCRC) has prepared estimates for surface treatment of all of the roads in "Strawberry Point" and Howard Street. The complete list of roads is included in the two estimates. Estimate #1 is \$99,602.92; estimate #2 is \$45,884.20 for a total project cost estimate of \$145,492. Since this is about \$10,000 more than our 2015/16 road budget, the Board would need to approve an amendment. The benefit of doing all of the roads on the list is to complete the entire neighborhood at the same time.

**Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve Estimate #1 in the amount of \$99,602.92, draft date of April 6, 2015. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve Estimate #2 in the amount of \$45,884.20, draft date of April 6, 2015 and to authorize an amendment to the General Appropriations Act of \$10,000 added to roads, which would also increase the total appropriations by \$10,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Issuance of Bonds Resolution**

The next step in our financing plan for the new fire station is consideration of a resolution to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Lindquist to approve the Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2015. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Consideration of Fiber Optic Memorandum**

The Township Attorney has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for installing a fiber optic connection to the Village Hall. The connection needs to be scheduled to prepare for sharing space at the Village Hall. Additionally, the Township needs a fiber connection to complete the integration of the computer system with Ottawa County. Once the computer servers are completely hosted by the County, there is an expected savings \$6,000 per year; along with the elimination of server replacement capital expenditures (This replacement is generally necessary every 5 years). **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Fiber Optics Memorandum of Agreement, draft date of 04/09/15. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

## **9. Consideration of Resolution Supporting Proposal 1**

**Motion** by Mierle, support by Terpstra to table this issue to the May Board meeting. By a voice vote the motion carried.

## **10. 2015 Harbor Transit Millage Rate**

The Harbor Transit Authority By-Laws require approval of the member units to approve the recommended operating millage by Resolution. That rate is 0.6 mills for the 2015/16 fiscal year. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to approve the Resolution as written. [RC] With Boersma as the dissenting vote, the motion carried.

## **11. Appointment to Harbor Transit Advisory Board**

This issue will be added to the May Board agenda

## **12. Reports**

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

## **13. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Spring Lake Township Clerk