

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
August 10, 2015**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Barber School, 102 W Exchange St, Spring Lake, MI 49456

6:00pm Work session: Several presenters were present to talk to the Board about LEED certified buildings and alternative energy such as solar panels.

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 7:06pm. Two comments were offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda as with the addition of 11a Rezone of Property on 180th and the deletion of 9 AT&T Tower Lease Extension. 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 July 13, 2015 Regular Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive July 2015 Financials

6. Early Retirement Incentive

SLT has a high number of our staff that are at the top end of our pay structure. Back in June the Board received a recommendation for an Early Retirement Incentive.

Since that time the 6 individuals that are eligible have reviewed the offer. 4 have declined and 2 have indicated interest in accepting. **Motion** by Nash, support by Boersma to Early Retirement Agreement draft date of 07/16/15, with the addition of a limit of \$200.00 a month for payment of the after 65 supplemental insurance for Paul's spouse, Gail Brondyke, and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement contingent on Paul signing the agreement. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Boersma, support by Terpstra to approve the Early Retirement Agreement with Ron Brondyke, draft date 07/30/15, and authorizing the Supervisor and Clerk to sign, contingent on Ron signing the agreement. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Sales Agreement – Hickory Property

In keeping with the Board's interest in divesting the excess land holdings of Spring Lake Township, have a proposed listing agreement from Berkshire Hathaway (formerly Prudential Realtors) has been received. This is for listing 2 acres of industrial property that the Township owns on Hickory just east of Keur Industries on 148th Ave. The proposed listing price is \$46,000. This is in line with the recent purchase of 2.5 acres immediately west of this parcel. **Motion** by Nash, support by Mierle to approve the Agency Agreement with the addition of David Bos, owner of David Bos Homes and Jeff Olds, owner of Global Technology to line 14 of the agreement. [RC] With Lindquist as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

8. Board Reports – Ambulance, PC, ZBA, Treasurer, Clerk

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

9. AT&T Tower Lease Agreement - Deleted

10. LEED/Solar Energy

The Township has been working on a solar energy solution for the new fire station as well as the possibility of a LEED design certification. The Board has heard information and presentations on these issues. Again, several experts were heard from to help the Board understand LEED and how a certification may be advantageous. There is a concern about the additional costs of building materials. Chief Sipe will talk to Tom Smith from Fishbeck for a cost analysis.

11. Drain Districts

There are several drainage problems that are well suited for setting up drainage districts through the Ottawa County Water Resources office. Setting up of a district means that there will be cost sharing for fixing the drains. The cost sharing will be based on contributing property with the Ottawa County Road Commission and Spring Lake Township each receiving "at large" assessments.

11a. Rezone of Property on 180th

Township Attorney Ron Bultje warned against a discussion of the rezone at this time.

12. Reports

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

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk