

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
February 8, 2016**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Station 2, 18964 174th Ave., Spring Lake MI 49456

6:00pm Work session: Discussions on 2016/17 Budget.

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

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 7:06pm and closed at 7:08pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Mierle, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the addition of 9a Set Budget Public Hearing, and 9b Set Annual Meeting. 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 January 11 & 25, 2016 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive January 2016 Financials

6. Water/Sewer Rates for 2016

Staff recommended a 4% increase to the sewer rate. The cash reserves in the sewer fund are low. Many much needed upgrades had been completed over the past few years which are a significant factor in the sewer fund balance. This issue will be on the February 22, 2016 Board agenda.

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

A time for information sharing was given to the Board members

8. Mower Purchase

The recommendation from staff was to purchase a pull behind mower with an 11ft wide cut path. The Board would like to see other options.

9. Park RTV Purchase

Motion by Terpstra, support by Homan to purchase a Kubota RTV X-900 for \$13,487 for Rycenga Park. With a roll call vote the motion carried unanimously.

9a. Set Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Terpstra, support by Lindquist, to set the Budget Public Hearing for March 14, 2016, 7:00pm, at Station 2, 18964 174th Ave., Spring Lake MI 49456. The motion carried unanimously.

9b. Set Annual Meeting

Motion by Terpstra, support by Lindquist to set the Annual Meeting of the Electors on March 29, 2016, 7:00pm, at Barber School, 102 W. Exchange St, Spring Lake MI 49456. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Reports – Supervisor, Manager

Manager reported that due to retirements and possible staff changes, there is a need for another full time employee in the Department of Public Works. Motion by Boersma, support by Mierle to authorize the Manager to hire a full time employee. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk