

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
April 10, 2017**

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

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma Jim Koster, Rick Homan, Ron Lindquist, Jerry Rabideau, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: None

Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Ron Bultje, 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 5:02pm and closed at 5:05pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the deletion of 9 2016/17 Final Budget Amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the consent agenda as written

- a. Approve February 13 and 27, 2017 Regular Meeting, March 13, 2017 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive March 2017 Financials

6. Short Term Rental Denial Appeal

Ed Grafton, attorney for Susan Reaume, presented the appeal to the Board. Supervisor Nash offered an opportunity for public comment at 5:05pm. Dan Bylinga, Lovell Rd resident, commented that he thought the appeal was seriously flawed, said that the denial response letter to the application for short term rental was well written, thanked the Board for all the hard work on the issue. Larry McLaughlin, Lovell Rd resident, asked that the Board sustain the Short Term Rental Ordinance as written and deny the appeal. After all those who wished to make a comment did, Supervisor Nash closed public comment at 5:15pm.

Motion by Boersma, support by Lindquist to direct Township Attorney Bultje to draft a written response of denial to the Reaume Appeal concerning Short Term Rentals. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Fruitport Road Manhole Repairs

Motion by Boersma, support by Koster to approve the approximate total cost of \$51,000.00 to purchase self-leveling man hole covers for Fruitport Rd. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. **Motion** by Homan, support by Nash to approve the approximate cost of \$51,675.00 to purchase self-leveling manhole covers for 174th, 168th, 152nd, and Leonard. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Fruitport Road Fence Repairs

Motion by Homan, support by Terpstra to approve the bid from WW Construction to replace road fencing along Fruitport Road. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Homan to table the issue to the May 8 Board meeting. The motion carried.

9. 2016/17 Final Budget Amendments - Deleted

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

A time for information sharing was given to the Board members

11. M 104/148th Improvement Plan

Motion by Rabideau, support by Terpstra to approve up to \$16,000.00 for a Planning Group to be chosen by the Supervisor, Clerk, Manager and CDD, based on an acceptable proposal. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12. 2017 Street Improvements

Motion by Nash, support by Lindquist to direct the OCRC to bid the road work for 2017 as proposed for approval by the Township Board. The motion carried.

13. Sewer Line Extension on 174th Ave

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve having the engineering work done and to review funding sources for the extension of the sewer line on 174th Ave. The motion carried.

14. Personnel Policy Amendments

The Board will discuss the amendments at the May 8 Board meeting.

15. Business of the Year Award Recipient

Motion by Boersma, support by Lindquist to honor Concept Metals as the recipient of the Chamber Business of the Year Award for SLT. The motion carried.

16. Board Reports – Supervisor, Manager

17. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk