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Spring Lake Township and Village Announce COVID-19 Mitigation Measures

The Village of Spring Lake and Spring Lake Township are implementing several operational changes in an effort to follow CDC Guidelines, and to reduce the risk associated with the COVID-19 virus for employees and the general public. The following changes will be in effect from Friday, March 20, 2020 through Sunday, April 5, 2020. Anticipate that this guidance document will be updated as necessary.

1. We are requesting that residents consider a non-contact form of conducting business at the Village Hall or any other Village or Township facility. The offices will be closed to walk in traffic; however, we will continue to answer the phones and conduct business. We ask that you conduct business VIA phone, email, website, US Mail Service, on-line payment methods, or utilize one of the drop boxes. (Either at the entrance to the Village Hall or behind Stans).

2. Spring Lake Township and Village will be conducting their March 23, 2020 meetings via conference call (Pursuant to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order No. 2020 – 15). Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to dial in to the meetings. Members of the public are not required to register or otherwise provide information to attend.

Please utilize the mute function on your phone while on the conference call, when appropriate. There will be time provided for public comment. President Powers and Supervisor Nash will run the virtual meetings like a regular meeting. The Agendas are available on the Village and Township websites.

3. When meeting with residents, expect that staff members will keep 6’ separation at all times possible.

4. If you or a member of your family are experiencing economic issues due to COVID-19; please utilize Ottawa Counties Dial 211 system. There are a variety of assistance tools available.

5. Our parks and bike paths are open for your use. Please maintain a 6’ separation between yourself and other park guests at all times. There are to be no group activities involving 10 or more people. All bathroom facilities will remain closed. This is for the health and safety of our employees, residents, and visitors.

The operational Changes presented are based on recommendations provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Please contact Village Manager, Chris Burns (616) 842-1393 or Township Manager, Gordon Gallagher (616) 844-2103 with any questions regarding the operational changes listed above. We appreciate our residents and visitors understanding as we work together to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 Coronavirus.