

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

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

5:30pm Work session: Rental Housing Ordinance

Supervisor Nash opened the floor for public comment at 7:10pm. Seven comments were offered at this time. Public comment was closed at 7:32pm.

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

Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:41pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Rick Homan, 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 7:42pm and closed at 7:45pm. One comment was offered at this time.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Lindquist, support by Homan to approve the agenda with the addition of 12a Fireworks Resolution and 12b Consideration to Allow Manager to Sign Closing Documents. 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 July 11 & 18, 2016 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive July 2016 Financials

6. Audit Presentation – Dan Veldhuizen, Siegfried Crandall

Dan Veldhuizen of Siegfried Crandall presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. The Township has received an “unqualified opinion” that our financial statements accurately reflect the financial position of the Township. This is the highest level of audit opinion. Also, it should be noted that the Township continues to be in solid financial condition.

7. Spring Ridge PUD

Spring Ridge, represented by Rick Pulaski of Nederveld, presented their design for a PUD on VanWagoner Road and requested preliminary PUD approval.

Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 8:30pm.

Albert Said, 16727 VanWagoner, stated he is concerned about drainage and the drain commission study, and questioned whether the project should move forward before the study is complete. He also questioned whether the Army Corps of Engineers has approved the current PUD plan.

Pulaski stated that they needed Township Board approval of the plan before they could submit the plan to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Motion by Boersma, support by Terpstra, to close the public hearing at 8:33pm. With a unanimous vote the motion carried. **Motion** by Terpstra, support by Boersma, to adopt the Spring Ridge Resolution and Report, draft date 7/26/2016, on file with the Township. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Arcadia PUD

Motion by Boersma, support by Terpstra to approve the Arcadia contract with MB&G, developers, draft date 7/28/2016, as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

10. Chamber of Commerce Contract

Motion by Lindquist, support by Mierle to approve the three-year contract with the Chamber of Commerce as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

11. Shared DPW Director

Motion by Boersma, support by Lindquist, to approve the shared DPW Director contract with the Village of Spring Lake as presented, except removing all references to the pilot program. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote the motion carried.

12. DPW Full Time Employee

Motion by Mierle, support by Homan to hire a new full-time employee for the DPW as presented by Manager Gallagher. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

12a. Fireworks Resolution

A resolution limiting the use of fireworks was discussed. Supervisor Nash was asked to draft a resolution for consideration at the September meeting.

12b. Consideration to Allow Manager to Sign Closing Documents

The Township is purchasing property on Leonard Rd. from Tim Stone, and closing is scheduled for August 10. Clerk Boersma will be out of town on that date, so Manager Gallagher is requesting authorization to sign the closing documents. **Motion** by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to allow the Township Manager to sign the closing documents for the purchase of the Stone property. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Board Reports – Supervisor, Manager

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

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk