

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
November 13, 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 7:00pm.

Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Catherine Pavick, Jerry Rabideau

Absent: Rachel Terpstra

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 7:01pm and closed at 7:05pm. One comment was offered.

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Lindquist, support by Pavick to approve the agenda with the modification to add 11a Fire Department Vehicle Purchase; 11b Oak Point street Lights. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

The consent agenda was approved with a motion by Lindquist, and supported by Nash.

- a. Approve October 9, 2017 regular and closed session Meeting Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive October 2017 Financials
- d. 2018 Holiday Schedule
- e. 2018 BOT Meeting Schedule

**6. Oak Point Lighting**

Supervisor Nash and Manager Gallagher had met on several occasions over the past 6 months with the property owners on Oak Point and Oak Ridge Drives and Consumers Energy concerning replacement and or repair of the street lights. Out of these meetings, 3 options to resolve the issue came to the fore front. Two options required a special assessment district to pay for the lights. A third option was that Consumers would replace all the street lights to their standard light at no cost to the residents. The first

step in the special assessment process was to send letters to the affected residents and hold a public hearing.

Supervisor Nash opened public comment at 7:15pm. Of the 26 people present, 8 spoke.

Jim Kwiatkowski, 15359 Oak Point Dr, stated that he has what he believes is the original contract between the builder and Consumers Energy.

Phil King, 15418 Oak Ridge Dr, stated that the Township is ignoring a fourth option and wants the Township to force Consumers Energy to service the existing lights.

Doug McNeil, 15277 Oak Point Dr, believes there is another option of developing a neighborhood association.

Susan Strobel, 15388 Oak Ridge Dr, does not want to own the lights and does not want to make a decision for the homeowners who are not present at the meeting.

Lavinia Biasell, 15375 Oak Point Dr, looked at the original contract. The fixture was owned by the land beneath it. The contract was not executed and recorded and Consumers Energy does not own the lights.

Jeremy LaRock, 15391 Oak Ridge Dr, wants to take a collection from neighbors to pay for the lights.

Jay Riggs, 15361 Oak Ridge Dr, wants neighbors to see if there is a fourth option.

Chuck Stuhan, 15331 Oak Ridge Dr, would like the light that is out to be fixed.

Public comment was closed at 7:45pm.

The residents present decided amongst themselves to have a community meeting to consider their options.

## **7. Board of Review Appointments**

Motion by Nash, support by Koster to appoint Harry Dyck and Betty Anguiano as alternates to the Board of Review, term ending December 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

## **8. Donation Policy**

This was discussed as a new item. Staff will review and make suggested changes.

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

A time for information sharing was given to the Board members

## **10. Ambulance Agreement**

Motion by Rabideau, support by Nash to approve and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the First Amendment to Emergency Medical Services Agreement with the understanding that relatively minor and substantive changes that were made to the agreement are acceptable to the negotiating committee or it comes back to the Board. [RC] With Lindquist as the dissenting vote, the motion carries.

**11. CBA and WRB Fee**

Motion by Lindquist, support by Boersma to approve adding a fee for requesting to go before the Wetland Review Board and the Construction Board of Appeals of \$250.00. The motion carried.

**11a. Fire Department Vehicle Purchase**

Chief Sipe presented the need to add a Ford Explorer to the fleet. He will get a quote and come back to the Board for approval of purchase.

**11b. Oak Point Street Lights**

Since the neighbors decided to have their own discussions, there is nothing more to do on this matter for now.

**12. Board Reports – Supervisor, Manager**

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

**13. Closed Session to Consider the Purchase of Real Property**

Motion by Lindquist, support by Pavick to go into closed session to consider the purchase of real property at 8:50pm.

A motion was made to come out of closed session at 8:54pm

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC  
Township Clerk