

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
January 13, 2020**

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Fire Station 2, 18964 174<sup>th</sup> Ave, Spring Lake MI 49456

**6:00pm Work Session: Canceled**

**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,  
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 7:02pm and closed at 7:03pm. No comments were offered.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support from Terpstra, to approve the agenda with the addition of a new 6, Fire Fighter of the Year Award, and moving the existing 6 to 6a. The motion carried.

**5. Approval of Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was approved by voice vote with a **motion** by Lindquist, and supported by Terpstra.

- a. Approve December 9, 2019 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive December 2019 Financials

**6. Fire Fighter of the Year Award**

County Commissioner Roger Bergman presented the award to Scott Witte. The Township Board appreciates Scott's dedication and 22 years of service.

**6a. Recreation Plan Public Hearing**

Pam Blough presented the draft recreation plan. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:30pm.

Michael Kuras suggested that the plan should be more forward thinking as to the future needs, i.e. drones.

**Motion** by Terpstra, support from Lindquist, to close the public hearing at 7:32pm. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Nash, support from Rabideau, to approve the 2020 - 2024 Parks And Recreation Plan Resolution Adopting The Parks And Recreation Plan And Endorsing Its Application For The Purposes Of Addressing Programs, Facilities, Acquisitions, And Funding For A Period Of Time Not To Exceed Five (5) Years, as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**7. Fire Department Pickup Truck Purchase Request**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support from Koster to approve the request with a not-to-exceed limit of \$75,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Bike Path Assessment Contract – Spring Lake Town Homes**

**Motion** by Pavick, support from Terpstra, to approve the drafted 12/19/19 contract as presented and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Water Department Purchase Request**

**Motion** by Terpstra, support from Lindquist, to approve the 2020-SLT-PO-001 as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

**10. 2020 Sewer Rates**

**Motion** by Lindquist, support from Pavick, to approve Resolution 20-1, Sewer Rates and Charges as presented. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote, the motion carried.

**11. Board Reports - Clerk, Treasurer, PC, ZBA, Rec, Ambulance**

A time of information sharing was given to the various members.

**12. Reports – Supervisor, Manager**

A time of information sharing was given to the Supervisor, Manager and Trustee.

**13. Closed Session – Consult with Attorney Regarding Ongoing Litigation**

**Motion** by Boersma, support from Lindquist to go into closed session at 8:06pm, to consult with the Township’s attorney regarding settlement strategy in connection with the case **of Reaume v. Spring Lake Township**, pending before the Michigan Supreme Court in Case No. 159874 because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the Township. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. The Board voted in closed session to come out at 8:46pm

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, MMC  
Spring Township Clerk