

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
September 14, 2020**

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 2020 – 154, the Township of Spring Lake conducted its business via conference call to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Members of the public were encouraged to dial in to this meeting. Members of the public were not required to register or otherwise provide information to attend.

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, 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 7:02pm and closed at 7:11pm. Three comments were offered.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Lindquist, seconded by Terpstra to approve the agenda with the change of renumbering 5e thru 11 as 6 thru 12. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Pavick, seconded by Lindquist to approve the Consent Agenda. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

6. Special thank you to Senator Stabenow for FEMA SAFER Grant Assistance (Mary Judnich)

A very special thank you to Senators Stabenow and Peters for assisting the Township in procuring the FEMA SAFER Grant at the full project cost. Motion by Koster, a second from Terpstra, to accept the FEMA SAFER Grant in the amount of \$ 794,754, and to authorize The Supervisor, Clerk, Manager and Fire Chief to sign the acceptance paperwork. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. Mary Judnich was on the virtual meeting on behalf of the Senators.

7. Fern Ave Proposed Special Assessment District

Supervisor Nash opened the Public Hearing at 7:21pm. Ed Grafton, Fern Ave, stated that he is looking forward to the project. A motion to close the public hearing at 7:21pm was given by Lindquist and seconded by Pavick. With a roll call vote the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion by Terpstra, seconded by Lindquist to approve Resolution #3, draft date of 8/12/2020, for \$126,500.00, to be split among the affected property owners with 8% interest and a 10 year pay off. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Terpstra, seconded by Rabideau to award the project to Tiles Excavating at a price of \$115,298.00, conditioned on the project being substantially complete during the 2020 construction season, or the project will be rebid in 2021. Interest will begin December 1, 2020, the first assessment will be on

the winter 2021 tax bill, which is due on February 14, 2022. If the project is rebid, the interest will be recalculated and Resolution #3 will be amended. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Legacy Point Amendment Request

This request requires a public hearing. **Motion** by Lindquist, support from Pavick to table the discussion and schedule a public hearing for the October 12 Board meeting. With a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

9. Christopher Fence Appeal

Motion by Lindquist, a second from Pavick to direct Lukas Hill to talk to the neighbors about a reasonable solution to the natural barrier placement, ask the Christopher family to move the natural barrier and put up a legal fence. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. Public Participation Plan

The plan will be on the October Board agenda.

11. Board & Committee Reports

A time for information sharing was granted to each Board member and the Manager.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, MMC
Township Clerk