

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

Pursuant to PA228 of 2020, 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, Ernie Petrus, 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 7:18pm. Five comments were offered.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Pavick, seconded by Petrus to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a Consideration of Purchase Option. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion by Pavick, seconded by Terpstra to approve the Consent Agenda. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

6. Zoning Text Amendment – Self Storage Facilities

A motion by Rabideau, seconded by Terpstra to adopt and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the latest draft of the amendment ordinance with the outdoor storage area being defined as an amount equal to 50% of the square footage of existing buildings. [RC] With Pavick and Boersma as dissenting votes the motion carried.

7. Corridor Improvement Requests

Motion by Boersma, a second from Pavick to authorize lending up to \$50,000 to the Corridor Improvement Authority and authorizing the project to go out for bid with final approval of the project and bid coming from the Township Board. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Authorization to Hire Three Full-time Firefighters

Motion by Koster, seconded by Terpstra to authorize the hiring of three full time firefighters after February 1, 2021. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Zoning Text Amendment – Accessory Structures

This was new business and will be added to the next agenda for action.

10. Fern Ave Construction

With a unanimous vote the **motion** given by Koster and seconded by Petrus was tabled until the first Board meeting in January.

11. Truck Purchase Request

A **motion** by Petrus, seconded by Terpstra was approved tabling this issue to a future meeting.

11a. Consideration of Purchase Option

Motion by Nash, seconded by Pavick to authorize the execution of a property trade on the NE corner of 148th and M104 with the owner of The Corner Market, to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the appropriate paperwork and to authorize the razing of the house on the same corner and the house on the Wilson road property.

12. Board Appointments – Library Board and Board of Review

These appointments will be made at a future meeting.

13. Board & Committee Reports

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

14. Closed Session to consider the purchase of real property

Motion by Rabideau, seconded by Pavick, to go into closed session at 9:07pm to consider the purchase of real property. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

The Board voted to go into open session at 9:20pm

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, MMC
Township Clerk