

**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
March 11, 2019**

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

6pm Work Session: The Board reviewed MTA Education requirements; Preliminary budget presentation and discussion; and shared initial thoughts Landscape and Design standards.

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, 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 Terpstra, support by Lindquist to approve the agenda with the addition of 6a Manager Evaluation and 6b Part Time Employee. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- a. Approve February 11 & 25, 2019 Minutes
- b. Approve payment of all fund bills
- c. Receive February 2019 Financials

6. Budget Public Hearing

Manager Gallagher presented the 2019/20 budget.

Supervisor Nash opened the public Hearing at 7:13pm. No comments were offered.

Motion by Lindquist support by Pavick to close the public hearing at 7:14pm. The motion carried unanimously.

6a. Manager Evaluation

Once a year the Board reviews the Township Manager. Mr. Gallagher received a 4.6, which is in between a 4 exceeds expectations and a 5 exceptional. The recommendation was to increase the pay step from a 4 to a 5, and to also give a \$3000.00 bonus for his outstanding efforts on procuring more funds for the Grand River sewer pipe project. The increase will be voted on with the budget at the March 25 meeting.

6b. Part Time Employee

Motion by Rabideau, support by Lindquist to hire a second part time assistant at the Township Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Van Wagoner Bike Path

Motion by Lindquist, support by Terpstra to approve the recommendation from Prein & Newhof to accept the bid from Brenner Excavating for both phases of the Van Wagoner bike path project. [RC] With Nash as the dissenting vote, the motion carried.

8. Board Reports – Clerk, Treasurer, PC, ZBA, Rec, Ambulance

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

9. Business of the Year Award

Motion by Rabideau, support by Lindquist to award Busche Aluminum the Chamber Business of the Year Award. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Water/Sewer Billing Collaboration

Motion by Lindquist, support by Rabideau to approve and authorize the Manager to sign the water/sewer collaboration 6 month trial agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Fireworks Ordinance

This was a first read thru only. The ordinance will be on the March 25 agenda for action.

13. Reports – Supervisor, Manager

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

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, CMC
Township Clerk