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 174th 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