Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
February 27, 2023

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Barber School, 102 W Exchange St.,
Spring Lake MI 49456

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board
Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Catherine Pavick, Ernie Petrus, Jerry Rabideau
Absent: Ellen Pearn
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 6:05pm and closed at 6:31pm. Five comments were offered.

4. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Rabideau, support from Pavick to approve the agenda with the addition of 12a Closed Session to
discuss ongoing litigation; 12b Nash Presentation. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution
Motion by Boersma, a second from Petrus to approve the Resolution as presented. [RC]
The motion carried unanimously.

6. Hemlock Wooly Adelgid at Rycenga Park
This issue will be on a future Board of Trustee agenda.

7. P&N Agreement – Krueger Path 152nd to M 104
This issue will be on a future Board of Trustee agenda

8. DPW Trailer Purchase
Motion by Boersma, a second from Rabideau to approve the recommendation from staff, but add 10% to the
cost if that trailer is not available and a different one will cost more. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. 23/24 Budget Discussion
An updated schedule of fees was given to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

10. Wage Recommendations
A motion was made by Boersma that died for lack of a second to approve the wage recommendation with a
change to the retirement plan from 10% to 12%. A motion was made by Rabideau, seconded by Petrus to
approve the wage recommendations and benefits as presented by the Manager. [RC] The motion carried
unanimously.

11. SLFD Wage Rates
Motion by Pavick, a second from Petrus to approve the SLFD Wage Rates as presented. [RC] The motion
carried unanimously.
12. Manager Review
The Board members filled out a review of Gordon Gallagher, the SLT Manager. With 1 being Unsatisfactory and 5 being Exceptional, a compilation of points from the 7 reviews, gave Gordon a 4.6. Gordon is a strong caring leader and an asset to our staff as well as the community.

12a. Closed Session
Motion by Boersma, seconded by Pavick to go into closed session at 7:21pm to discuss the Brill Litigation with our Attorney because open discussion would have a detrimental effect on the outcome. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.
The Board came out of closed session at 7:37pm.

12b. Nash Presentation
This will be on the March 13, 2023 Board Agenda

9. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Respectfully submitted,
H. Carolyn Boersma, MiPMC, MMC
Township Clerk