Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees  
May 8, 2023

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

5:00pm Work Session
The Board interviewed four candidates for the open Board seat; Dan Bylenga, Scott Harestad, Kevin Priddy, and Ande Scherf

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board**
Supervisor Rabideau called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Present: Jerry Rabideau, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Cathy Pavick, Ellen Pearn
Ernie Petrus,
Absent: None
Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager; Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

2. **Invocation and Pledge**
Supervisor Rabideau opened the meeting with a few words and the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Public Comment**
Public comment was opened at 7:01pm and closed at 7:06pm. Two comments were offered.

4. **Approval of Agenda**
*Motion* by Pearn, a second from Koster to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a Closed Session to discuss litigation concerning Brill because doing so in public would have detrimental financial impact on the Township position. The motion carried.

5. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
   a. Approve April 10&24, 2023 Meeting Minutes
   b. Approve payment of all fund bills
   c. Receive April 2023 Financials
*Motion* by Pavick, a second from Petrus to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Board of Trustee Appointment**
*Motion* by Koster, a second from Pavick to appoint Ande Scherf to the vacant Board of Trustee seat, term ending, 11/20/2024. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Review of Current Capital Asset Policy
   Motion by Koster, a second from Pearn to approve the policy, draft date of 5/8/2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. 2023 Road Work Recommendation
   Motion by Boersma, seconded by Petrus to approve the plan including Heather Court as presented by the Ottawa County Road Commission. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. DPW Purchase Orders
   Motion by Pearn, a second from Petrus to approve the purchase orders for meter services and radar equipment as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. Board Liaison Planning Commission Appointment
    Supervisor Rabideau appointed Clerk Carolyn Boersma to the Planning Commission, term ending 11/20/2024.
    Motion by Pearn, a second from Petrus to ratify the appointment. The motion carried.

11. Board Reports
    A time of information sharing was given to the Board members and Manger.

11a. Closed Session
    Motion by Pavick, a second from Pearn to go into closed session at 7:24pm to discuss litigation concerning Brill because doing so in public would have detrimental financial impact on the Township position. [RC] The motion carried unanimously. The Board voted to come out of closed session at 7:40pm. Motion by Boersma, a second from Rabideau to Authorize the Attorneys working on the litigation to pursue settlement action as discussed in closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

13. Adjourn
    The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, MiPMC, MMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk