



## MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2017  
7:00 P.M., Barber School  
102 West Exchange Street  
Spring Lake, Michigan

### **1. Call to Order**

President **Hatton** called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3. Roll Call**

**Present:** Doss, Duer, Hatton, Miller, Powers, Tepastte, Van Strate.

**Absent:** None

### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by **TePastte**, second from **Doss**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 7

No: 0

### **5. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 58635-58705) in the amount of \$217,456.95.
- B. Approved the minutes for the February 20, 2017 regular Council meeting.
- C. Approved the Spring Lake Heritage Festival's annual request for use of Village facilities.
- D. Approved budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.
- E. Approved P cards through Chase Bank for 4 employees, designating Marvin Hinga and Christine Burns as the signatory on the agreement.
- F. Approved Resolution 2017 - 04, a resolution regarding water rates for non-Village residents.
- G. Approved the disbursement of GHACF funds to the Spring Lake Heritage

Festival for “Thursdays at the Point.”

- H. Approved a motion to deny a request for a \$500 contribution from the Lakeshore Housing Alliance.
- I. Approved the use of Mill Point Park by Little Lakers on May 8, 2017.
- J. Approved the use of Mill Point Park by the Historic Conservation Commission on June 3, 2017 for the Wooden Boat Show.
- K. Approved the use of Central Park by Spring Lake Public Schools on August 10<sup>th</sup> as part of their Shindig fund raiser.

Motion by **TePastte**, second from **Doss**, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

## **6. General Business**

### **A. Winsor McCay Memorial Park Capital Campaign**

**Subject:** The Historic Conservation Commission, led by Mr. Mark Miller, was seeking permission to commence a capital campaign for the construction of a Winsor McCay Memorial Park on the site of the former township hall.

Council Member **Miller** explained that, after going through many stages, the Historic Commission was now ready to start a capital campaign for construction of a Winsor McCay Memorial Park and would like Council’s approval for the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to hold the funds as they are raised. **Miller** said that Winsor McCay, born in 1867, was one of the most famous people to come from Spring Lake and was considered the father of modern character animation. **Miller** said that McCay was discovered here by drawing art in the frost of the school windows and by drawing the ship *Alpena* that sank off the shores of Grand Haven on a chalk board that was so impressive they photographed it and made post cards out of it. **Miller** also explained that this property was significant to the project because Union School, where McCay attended as a child, had been located on this property and that the foundation was still buried there and if the foundation was in good enough shape they hoped to expose it and incorporate it into the park. **Miller** said that they felt crowd funding would be very lucrative because McCay was popular all over the world and that Walt Disney gave McCay credit for all that he had.

Motion **Miller**, second from **Van Strate**, to approve an agreement with the

Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to hold all funds raised during the capital campaign.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

## **B. Flood Plain Request (Barrett Boat Works)**

**Subject:** Mr. Jim Milanowski submitted a request for the Village to sign the LOMR-F application on behalf of his client, Mr. Chris Lisowicz. This request was forwarded to Moore & Bruggink for their review.

President **Hatton** introduced this item and asked Manager **Burns** to explain. **Burns** explained that Barrett's was working on an expansion and that part of the process required that they submit the LOMR-F to the State. **Burns** said that Moore & Bruggink's review showed that this was a housekeeping item and recommended the Village sign off on it.

Motion by **TePastte**, second from **Doss**, to approve the LOMR-F application, designating Village Manager Christine Burns as the signatory on the documents.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

## **C. Charter Amendment Language**

**Subject:** Attorneys Bob Sullivan and Johnny Pinjuv drafted Resolution 2017 - 05 for Council consideration of a Charter Amendment that addressed disincorporation.

Attorney **Sullivan** explained that the changes were based on the comments made at last week's Work Session when Council indicated that this was not something that they wanted to do and was not something they necessarily endorsed but that they wanted to allow voters the opportunity to consider it. **Sullivan** also explained that, in terms of the amendment itself, the change was made to require the 2/3 vote of both entities and was made consistent for both options A and B. President **Hatton** said that she had looked up the reason for super majority verses simple majority and that the 2/3 vote was usually when you feel people have not studied the issue for any length of time or if it was for something being rushed through. President **Hatton** asked to consider having a simple majority rather than a 2/3 vote and could they discuss this. **Sullivan** said there was no motion on the table.

**Sullivan** said he wanted to be on the record as saying that this timeline was going to be tight to get it on the August ballot because we must publish it and then hold it for 30 days before Council can actually vote to put it on the ballot and after the 30-day period, the ballot language goes to the

governor's office for approval and that was the unpredictable component here.

**Hatton** asked if she needed a motion to table the resolution for 30 days. **Sullivan** said no, they were adopting pursuant to the provisions of the Home Ruled Village Act, which required that process. **Powers** asked how the statute read? **Sullivan** read that if the amendment was proposed by the Village Council then the amendment must be published and tabled for at least 30 days before any action can be taken on it. **Hatton** asked if they could bring the language to the Governor's office during the 30 days. **Sullivan** said he did not think so because that would-be action and action was not allowed. **Hatton** asked what they should do about the next meeting because that came in less than 30 days. **Sullivan** said they could call a Special Meeting.

**Van Strate** said he still thought the Village was wasting time and energy and money to deal with this and until there was a groundswell of people that actually want to do this. He would rather not do it.

Motion by **TePastte**, second from **Duer**, to adopt Resolution 2017 - 05, a Resolution to allow a vote on a Charter Amendment providing for Village disincorporation.

Yes: 6

No: 1 (Van Strate)

## 7. Department Reports

- A. Village Manager – **Burns** reported that a community engagement meeting had been held regarding the right-of-way parking ordinance and that even with 248 invitations mailed to everyone without curb and gutter and advertising in numerous places, there was a dismal turnout. **Burns** said that they did, however, get feedback that was included for Council's review and that the ordinance amendment will be publicized for their consideration at the April meeting.
- B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director
- C. OCSO
- D. Fire
- E. 911
- F. DPW
- G. Water
- H. Sewer
- I. Minutes of Various Boards & Committees
  - a. Historic Conservation Committee

8. **Old Business and Reports by the Village Council** – There was no Old Business to discuss.

**9. New Business and Reports by Village Council** – President **Hatton** mentioned that the Lubbers Cup was coming up April 8 & 9 hosted by the Spring Lake Yacht Club.

**10. Status Report: Village Attorney** – There were no additions from the Village Attorney.

**11. Statement of Citizens** – There were no statements of citizens.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Powers**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

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Joyce Verplank Hatton, Village President

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk