



**Village of Spring Lake
Council Work Session Minutes
May 8, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

**102 West Savidge Street (Upstairs Conference Room)
Spring Lake, MI 49456**

President Hatton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. **SaveMICity (Anthony Minghine – Michigan Municipal League) –** Manager **Burns** introduced Tony Minghine from the Michigan Municipal League. Mr. Minghine presented to Council the impact of Michigan's failing municipal funding system.
2. **Courtyard Concerts (Gary Hanks)– Burns** explained that Mr. Hanks was looking to close the parking lot for a Court Yard Concert on September 10, 2017 and then again in 2018. **Burns** said that this was the 5th year and that she highly recommended it. Mr. Hanks said that, if this was approved, he would need to have a copy of the approved minutes for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Mr. Hanks also shared that they have a beer sponsor from Grand Rapids, their tentative food vendor was the new owner of Top Butcher, Kelly Larson would have treats from Sweet Temptation's and there would be a kettle corn vendor. Council agreed this was an item for the Consent Agenda.
3. **Cross Connection Control Plan (John Stuparits & Paul Patterson)– Stuparits** explained that at last months meeting they talked about the Cross-Connection Control Ordinance that had not been updated since 2002 and that the second part of this program was the program itself and was how they protect the water supply. **TePASTE** asked if this provided the framework for what was already being done. **Stuparits** said yes, this was what they were already doing but it had never been in writing. **Stuparits** explained that in 2015 the Village hired Hydro Corp to perform cross connection inspections and this was the plan they follow when performing these inspections. President **Hatton** said that she did not know what the Cross-Connection Program was and was there and easier way to describe the program or were there other names that other communities use for it. Mr. Patterson explained that communities use the same name and that their website had a FAQ section that was very informative with easy to understand terms and definitions. **Burns** suggested that the Cross-Connection Plan could go on the Consent Agenda but that the Ordinance would need to have a Public Hearing. **Council** agreed.

4. **Cross Connection Ordinance Amendment (John Stuparits & Paul Patterson)**
– There was nothing more to add to this.
5. **Equipment Sharing with Spring Lake Township** – **Burns** explained that this was something that had been discussed for well over six months with goals to not only save money but to use equipment resources in the best way possible. **Burns** said that the Township was also discussing this at their meeting. **Stuparits** said that they look forward to ways to collaborate more and become more efficient and with some of these pieces of equipment costing well over \$100,000 this was a smart thing to do. **Duer** asked if there were some pieces of equipment that would not be shared. **Stuparits** said that he did not see any piece of equipment that either of the communities owned that they would not share. **Stuparits** also explained that the State had a rental fee schedule and that was the fee schedule that they would use for renting the equipment. **Doss** applauded Stuparits collaborative efforts as DPW Director. **Council** agreed this item could be added to the Consent Agenda.
6. **Fee Schedule (Parking Ordinance)** – **TePastte** said that his recommendation was to wave the parking fee for at least 2017. Council agreed with this recommendation and that it could be added to the Consent Agenda.
7. **Budget Amendments (Marv Hinga)** – **Hinga** explained the Budget Amendments with Council. **Hatton** asked if there was anything setup to repair pot holes. **Stuparits** said that he would check on that.
8. **Set Public Hearing for Budget Adoption** – **Burns** explained that on June 12th they would have the Work Session at 6:00 pm and then move to Barber School for the Council meeting with a Public Hearing and then a vote to adopt the 2017/2018 budget.
9. **Delinquent Water/Sewer Charges (Marv Hinga)** – **Hinga** explained that any Water/Sewer bills that were at least 90 days past due would be put on their tax bills. **TePastte** asked if it would cost money to do this. **Hinga** said that it was less work to click the box in BS&A to add them to the taxes then it would be to write them off.
10. **Designate an Alternate for Sewer Authority** – **Burns** explained that while we were in between DPW Directors, Marv was named alternate, and now that they had John, it seemed like a good time to appoint John as the alternate for the Sewer Authority. Council agreed and that this was an item for the Consent Agenda.

11. Communications -

- Beautification Proposal: **Hatton** said that they had received a Beautification proposal and a letter to Elizabeth Wheeler from Darcy Dye. **Hatton** said she had also been contacted by Elizabeth Wheeler because Elizabeth felt she had been thrown aside after working on certain plots of land for 23 years and, because, of the fact that she had been invited to be one of 58 volunteers. **Burns** said that Dr. Sylvia Russet and Ms. Darcy Dye were here so she would let them speak on this issue. Ms. Dye said that she wanted to make it clear that her beautification proposal and the letter to Ms. Wheeler were 2 very separate issues. Ms. Dye explained that her proposal was for a project to partner with Holmes Elementary for a collaborative garden. Ms. Dye said that there was so much excitement for this project that they had gone from 1 classroom of students to 4 classrooms of students and multiple teachers. **Doss** asked if this was a yearly commitment. Dye said that was something they still had to work out but she was hoping this would be a long-term partnership. **Doss** said that this was something that could possibly be funded by the North Bank Communities Fund. Dye said that she was working with other organizations on getting grants too. Dye also commended the Village DPW for their grounds crew's work this spring. **Council** agreed that this was a wonderful project and gave their consent.
- **Burns** reported to Council the generous donation of \$10,254 from Mr. Gary Verplank to the Tree Nursery as part of the Victoria Verplank Tree Memorial.

12. **Minutes** - Minutes of the April 17, 2017 Work Session were included in the Council packet for review. The April 24, 2017 regular meeting would be ready by Monday night.

13. **Public Comment** – Elizabeth Wheeler spoke to Council about her care of the 4 pocket gardens on Lake Street for the last 23 years and the letter she received from Darcy Dye. **Council** felt this was something that would be best handled between Manager Burns, Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Wheeler.

14. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Joyce Verplank Hatton, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk