



## MINUTES

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

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

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

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

### **3. Roll Call**

**Present:** Doss, Duer, Hanks, Miller, Powers, TePastte, Van Strate.

**Absent:** None

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

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

Yes: 7                      No: 0

### **5. Consent Agenda**

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 59296-59392) in the amount of \$417,094.23.

B. Approved the minutes for the October 9, 2017 work session and the October 16, 2017 regular Council meeting.

C. Approved a motion to award the tree trimming and removal bid to Andy's Tree Service for an amount not to exceed \$17,000.

D. Approved a Michigan Bell Franchise Renewal.

Motion by **Doss**, second from **Miller**, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yes: 7                      No: 0

### **6. General Business**

- A. Economic Development Presentation – Dana Kollewehr** – Ms. Kollewehr updated Council on Community Development and a number of activities and services that the Chamber provided for businesses.
- B. Housing Presentation – Rhonda Kleyn** – Ms. Kleyn gave an overview of the Neighborhood Housing Services from their 2016/2017 fiscal year throughout the Village and neighboring communities.
- C. Library Presentation – Megan Doss – Doss** updated Council on the Library, highlighting finances, projects and added services from this past year. Mr. Tom Cousineau also reported on finances and shared Library stats that included number of checkouts and attendance to programs and noted a very generous donation from the Friends of the Library. Doss and Cousineau also acknowledged Library Board President, Mary Egan.

**D. Audit Presentation – Doug Vredeveld**

**Subject:** Mr. Doug Vredeveld was in attendance to present his audit findings for fiscal year 2016/2017. A paper copy of the audit was delivered with the Council agenda and available at the meeting for public review.

Mr. Vredeveld went over the 2016/2017 Village audit report with Council and said that after an extensive amount of work they form an opinion, and that the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Village. Mr. Vredeveld said this represented a good clean audit.

- E. Video Presentation (courtesy of Spring Lake Township) – Manager Burns** shared a new video that was put together showing highlights of what the Township and Village had to offer.

**7. Department Reports**

- A. Village Manager – Burns** reported that she had been asked to serve on the Board of Directors for Best Financial Credit Union, but after speaking with the Finance Committee, it was determined that if the Village ever wanted to have a banking relationship with the BFCU, it would be considered a conflict of interest if she sat on their Board, so **Burns** said that unless Council directed her otherwise, she would decline the offer.

**Burns** also shared that an article about her was featured on page 5 in the Public Management magazine.

**Burns** said that she had received an email from the Coast Guard Festival Committee requesting Council recommend a Village resident to serve on the Coast Guard Festival Committee and that they have asked that this not

be a Council or staff member. **Doss** asked why Council was asked to do this. **Burns** said that this fell into the category of “it’s always been done that way”. **Doss** said that the Festival Committee would vet the person that Council chose anyway so why not find their own person. **Hanks** asked what the benefit to the Village was. **Powers** said that beyond the sense of community cooperation, he did not think there really was a benefit. **Powers** suggested they cut out the middle man and have the CGFC find their own person. **Council** agreed. **Burns** said she would relay that information to Mike Smith.

**B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director – Hinga** had nothing further to add to his report.

**C. OCSO – Burns** reported that there had been a Police Commission meeting earlier that day and that at this point, since everything was going well, they would now meet annually.

**D. Fire**

**E. 911**

**F. DPW - Burns** shared John Stuparits’ Cross Connection Control Plan that was formally approved by the DEQ on October 9<sup>th</sup>. **Burns** said that Stuparits was very proud of this accomplishment and could check one more thing off his list before he retired.

**G. Minutes from Various Board & Committees**

1. **Parks & Recreation**

2. **DDA**

**8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council** -There was no old business.

**9. New Business and Reports by Village Council** – There was no new business.

**10. Status Report: Village Attorney** – Attorney **Sullivan** had nothing further to add.

**11. Statement of Citizens**

James Willison, 626 East Savidge spoke to Council about his concerns for his high-water bills. Willison asked Council to consider crediting him the sewer usage portion of his bill that he has paid and help him find a solution to get an irrigation water meter put in.

Dennis Anastor, Tanglefoot Park resident, spoke to Council about his 2018 seasonal application being rejected and asked Council and Manager Burns to reconsider his application and to let him know the decision.

Dave Klenk, and Pat Hurd, Tanglefoot Park residents, spoke and said they too, were not being allowed to return to the park in 2018 and asked for reconsideration.

Faith Florea, Tanglefoot Park resident, spoke in support of the 3 couples whose applications for 2018 had been denied and asked that their applications be

reconsidered.

## 12. Adjournment

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **TePastte**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0

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Mark Powers, Village President

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk