



MINUTES

**Monday, June 11, 2018
7:00 P.M., Village Hall
EOC Room
102 West Savidge 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: Duer, Miller, Petrus, Powers and Van Strate.

Absent: Hanks and TePastte

Motion by **Miller**, second from **Duer**, to excuse Council Members Hanks and TePastte.

Yes: 5 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Van Strate**, to approve the amended agenda, moving item #11. Statements of Citizens to item # 5.

Yes: 5 No: 0

5. Statements of Citizens

Heather TePastte Baumgartner, 331 Lillybells Lane, spoke regarding a letter received by members of Alden Place Condominium Association.

Steve Gray, 321 Lillybells Lane, also spoke regarding the letter received by Alden Place Condominium Association.

Denise Amidon, 111 Lillybells Ct., spoke regarding the letter received by Alden Place Condominium Association

Don Puglise, 319 Lillybells Lane, also spoke regarding the letter received by Alden Place Condominium Association.

Judy Stout, 713 Winter St., spoke regarding the Oak tree and the possibility of planting new trees.

Lola Killey, An Arbor MI., spoke regarding upcoming State legislation.

Lee Schuitema, 408 E Exchange St. and member of the Tree Board, informed the Alden Place residents that if there was a problem with Village trees they need to contact the Village and the trees will be reviewed and put on a list to be trimmed or removed in the fall of each year.

6. **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 59843-59886) in the amount of \$81,223.98.
- B. Approved the minutes for the May 14, 2018 work session and the May 21, 2018 regular Council meeting.
- C. Approved Resolution 2018-12, a Resolution of support for the Redevelopment Ready Communities program continuation.
- D. Approved the purchase of a leaf vacuum & chassis in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 from Bell Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$165,826.56.
- E. Approved budget adjustments for fiscal year 2017/2018.
- F. Approved a Community Engagement Meeting on June 28, 2018 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Spring Lake District Library, engaging the services of Judge Ed Post as moderator of the event.

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

Yes: 5 No: 0

7. **General Business**

A. **2018/2019 Fee Schedule**

Subject: In conjunction with each budget, Village Council is asked to consider approving an amended fee schedule that included eliminating ½ Barber School rental and Resolution 2018-13 a resolution to adjust Water Sewer Rates.

Since this item had been discussed at the Work Session, there was no more discussion at this time.

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Miller**, to approve Resolution 2018-13 a resolution adjusting water and sewer rates and the 2018/2019 Fee Schedule.

Yes: 5 No: 0

B. Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget

Subject: The Village Council will hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2018/2019 Budget. See the overall budget message and supporting documents for more information.

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, to open the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

There was no public comment.

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, to close the public hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion by **Miller**, second from **Petrus**, to approve Resolution 2018–08, a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Spring Lake Village Budget.

Yes: 5 No: 0

C. Public Hearing to Consider and Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Millage Rate.

Subject: The Village Council will hold a Public Hearing on the FY 2018/2019 Millage Rate which is recommended to be 9.64 for the General Fund and .72 for Debt Retirement for a total of 10.36 mills.

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

George Barfield, 606 Ellie Court, asked if this was a renewal millage and did it recommend an increase.

Hinga explained that it did not recommend an increase, that the overall Village

millage was staying at 10.36 mills. **Hinga** said the operating millage general fund was increasing by .04 mills, but the debt service millage was being reduced by .04, keeping the total the same.

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, to close the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Miller**, to approve Resolution 2018-09, a resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Spring Lake Village Millage Rate.

Yes: 5 No: 0

D. Public Hearing regarding the Oak Tree located at 345 Hammond Street.

Subject: The Oak tree in front of the Intermediate School on Hammond was evaluated by Arborist Bill Drew (Woodland Tree Service) on April 10, 2018. The tree was also evaluated by Mr. Drews on August 3, 2017 and by Arborist Brian Kwiatkowski (Summit Tree Service) in July 2015. This latest evaluation confirmed what the first two evaluations showed and that is the tree is nearing the end of its life and should be removed for safety reasons. This comes after West Michigan Tree Service has applied a growth regulator in an attempt to save the tree. The Tree Board has considered each of the three recommendations and each time has recommended the tree be removed. At this time, Council needs to make a determination of the fate of the tree.

Motion by **Van Strate**, second by **Duer**, to open the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

There was no public comment.

Motion by **Van Strate**, second by **Petrus**, to close the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Miller asked to have the actual cut-down date delayed until after a decision has been made on what to do with the wood from the tree. **Powers** commented on the 100 plus years “the big tree out front” had lived and all the memories for many, many high school students over the years. **Powers** said it would be very sad to see the tree come down but, unfortunately for the safety of the community, the tree would need to be taken down.

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Van Strate**, to award the bid for tree removal to Summit Tree Services for an amount not to exceed \$2,180.76 and to hire Dan Hoffman to carve the stump in a design to be determined through a community engagement process with the Spring Lake Public Schools.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Council agreed to discuss the feedback from the community engagement at the July meeting to determine the best use of the wood from the oak tree.

8. Department Reports

- A. Village Manager**
- B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director**
- C. OCSO**
- D. Fire**
- E. 911**
- F. DPW**
- G. Building**
- H. Water**
- I. Sewer**
- J. Minutes from Various Board & Committees**
 - 1. DDA**
 - 2. Parks & Recreation**

9. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council – There was no old business to discuss.

10. New Business and Reports by Village Council – **Burns** agreed with the residents of Alden Place Condo's to extend the amount of time given to remove the steps on Village property. **Council** discussed the encroachments with the Alden Place Condominium Association residents.

11. Status Report: Village Attorney – Nothing to add.

12. Adjournment

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

Yes: 7 No: 0

Mark Powers, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk