



Village of Spring Lake
Minutes Council Work Session

June 11, 2018

6:00 p.m.

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

President **Powers** was running late so Manger **Burns** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Budget Adjustments (Marv Hinga)

Due to timing issues, the Finance Committee will not have an opportunity to discuss these year-end prior to the meeting, although Marv has emailed the proposed adjustments to them in advance.

Hinga pointed out the final budget adjustments for the current fiscal year explaining in detail the reasons for the last 3 adjustments. **Council** agreed they would approve the adjustments.

2. Budget Resolution (Marv Hinga)

Hinga went over the Budget Resolution needed to formalize the adoption of the 2018/2019 Budget.

3. Millage Resolution (Marv Hinga)

Hinga explained that this was the resolution that established the millage collected and that it would be staying at 10.36 overall. **Hinga** explained that the operating millage bumped up 4/100th's of a mil from last year's operating millage but the debt service went down 4/100's of a mil.

4. Fee Schedule (Marv Hinga)

Burns explained that Spelde had done research to compare rental fees for community rooms in the area and Council to reconsidered Barber School fees to help offset maintenance and repair costs. **Council** agreed they would drop the half day rentals and have all rentals be for a whole day, eliminating any time frame. **Council** also agreed to keep a Village resident fee and Non-Resident fee. **Hinga** reviewed the Tanglefoot Park and dock rental fees and Water/Sewer rates.

5. Community Engagement Meeting

The Village will be hosting a Community Engagement Meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spring Lake District Library. The purpose of the meeting is to educate the public on the upcoming infrastructure needs within the Village.

Burns gave an overview of what the Community Engagement would cover and shared that Hinga, Powers, Kevin Kieft (project engineer) and herself would be panelists and Judge Post would be the moderator. **Burns** urged Council to pass the word and to attend.

6. Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) Designation

The MEDC is reporting that the Village has completed approximately 31% of the RRC criteria. We are actually slightly further along than their estimates as the Master Plan is almost complete. A requirement of the process is to adopt another resolution confirming Council's commitment to the process.

Burns reported that they were still working on the RRC with Dana Kollwehr and Jennifer Howland and that money was budgeted for a new Zoning Ordinance, but because of the cost, they would have to spread it over two fiscal years once the Master Plan was complete. **Burns** also explained that if Council wanted to continue forward, it was important to adopt another resolution confirming their commitment to the process.

7. Leaf Vacuum

In order to take possession of the leaf vacuum prior to the fall season, the order needs to be placed ASAP. Bell's Equipment in Lake Orion is the distributor for the leaf vacuum and will deliver the equipment this fall. The hope was that the CGAP grant application would be approved and cover the cost of the vac. The CGAP grant was not approved, but this item was included in the 2018/2019 budget.

Burns reported that they were not able to secure a CGAP Grant to help offset the cost of a new leaf vacuum truck but it was still needed and it was

included in the 18/19 budget. **Burns** said that in order to have the truck ready in time for fall leaves, they would have to get the PO in and the chassis under construction.

8. Oak Tree

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.

Burns reported that she had invited Dennis Furton to attend the Public Hearing but had not heard if he would be attending. **Burns** explained the Arborist reports and the Tree Boards recommendation for the removal of the tree and that a community engagement was being planned to get ideas for what could be done with the wood from the tree. **Miller** agreed that the tree was not looking healthy. **Dye** suggested that information be included on what made oak trees thrive so people could get a sense of what would be the optimal situation for an oak tree of that size. **Council** discussed the arborists recommendations, what a safe time frame would be to have the tree removed. They also discussed the community engagement to get ideas for what options there were for the wood.

9. Minutes

Minutes of the May 14, 2018 Work Session and May 21, 2018 regular meeting are attached for review. Should you wish to make edits, please share that information with Chris Burns or Maryann Fonkert prior to June 10, 2018.

10. Miscellaneous

Burns shared that she would be having lunch with Ms. VanKampen, Dana Kollwehr (the Chamber), Holly Johnson (Community Foundation) and

Doug Heins (State Farm Insurance) to discuss downtown development and that she and Gordon Gallagher had met with Lindsey Viviano from the MEDC to discuss what funding options were available for things like parking lots and downtown improvements. **Burns** said that she had been told that Ms. VanKampen was not interested in pursuing grant funding for her own projects but **Burns** said she felt it was worth considering for other projects.

11. Public Comment

Council Work Sessions are open to the public, and as such, the public is invited to speak at the end of each meeting. Each speaker should limit their comments to 3 minutes.

Darcy **Dye** reported that all the gardens were planted and that there were 80 volunteers helping take care of them.

Michelle Rison, 114 Mason, spoke on upcoming State legislation.

12. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Mark Powers, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk