



Minutes

**Monday, July 16, 2018
7:00 P.M., Barber School
102 West Exchange Street
Spring Lake, Michigan**

1. Call to Order

President Pro-tem **TePastte** called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Duer, Hanks, Miller, Petrus, TePastte and Van Strate.

Absent: Powers

Motion by **Hanks**, second from **Miller**, to excuse the absence of President Powers.

Yes: 6 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 6 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 59887 - 59974) in the amount of \$473,295.98.
- B. Approved the minutes for the June 11, 2018 work session and the June 18, 2018 regular Council meeting.
- C. Approved moving forward with Ordinance Amendments for Chapters 135 & 177.
- D. Approved modifying the Village's liability insurance policy to adjust the deductibles to \$1,000, to remove terrorism coverage and the change coverage on all motor vehicles over 10 years old. Staff will seek bids for liability coverage for FY 2019/2020.

- E. Approved the MML Worker's Compensation ballot, casting votes for Christine Burns, Todd Campbell and Lee Kilbourn.
- F. Approved a bid from Asphalt Paving Inc. to perform asphalt repairs on Rotary Drive for an amount not to exceed \$6,184.00.
- G. ~~Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2018—14 to adopt the Master Plan as presented.~~ This item was removed from the Consent Agenda due to a lack of quorum on the Planning Commission's vote to approve and will be voted on at the August 20, 2018 meeting. However, Max Dillivan, Williams & Works, was present for discussion and concerns.

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Miller**, to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, removing item G to be voted on at the August 20, 2018.

Yes: 6 No: 0

6. General Business

- A. **Presentation – County Commission Roger Bergman –** County Commission Bergman was not in attendance.
- B. **Presentation – Sheriff Steve Kempker –** Sheriff Kempker provided Council with an update on the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department's statistics for the past year. Sheriff Kempker also thanked the Village of Spring Lake citizens, Village Council, Village Manager, and Chief Sipe for their continued support of the men and women who serve in the Village.

Council thanked Sheriff Kempker and his staff for all they have done and continue to do for the community.

C. Oak Tree Removal

Subject: Staff was instructed to obtain more information regarding the removal of the oak tree, drying of the log, commissioning of artwork, etc.

Adopt Resolution 2018 -15, with or without modifications.

Burns explained that she had received information from a gentleman in Grand Haven Township regarding a tree in Maryland and some opportunities that Council might want to consider. Burns also reported that she and **Petrus** had met with local artist, Aziza Abbasi, to discuss giving a quote for creating a piece of art memorializing the tree and to share ideas on transferring that art into memorabilia. **Burns** said that she had already received back a quote of \$800. **Petrus** shared that Abbasi's son attended Spring Lake schools, so she had emotional connections to the area and that was why she had painted the

picture of the Clock Tower that had been shared with Council. **Burns** said that she thought people would be more likely to hang a piece of art in their home verses a cross section of the log. **Burns** said she had spoken to a millwright and he had concerns about the cost associated with drying the log because no one would be able to guarantee that the log would not split after having spent all the time and money to have the tree dried and that he only had one company that he would trust taking the trunk out.

Van Strate said he would rather cut the tree all at once as opposed to cutting it down in two stages and with two companies. **Duer** said he was not in favor of prolonging the process either. **Council** discussed options for taking the tree down and costs involved and the different ways that the wood could be used. **Burns** said that Council did not have to make a final decision right now on what to do with the trunk and that she would come back to Council in August with new dollar figures on the transportation to the mill and what that looked like for time frame and dollar amount.

Motion by **Hanks**, second from **Petrus**, to approve adoption of Resolution 2018-15, a resolution to approve the removal of the historic oat tree on Hammond Street, grind the stump, commission artist, Aziza Abbasi, for an amount not to exceed \$800 and provide for making cross sections of the trunk at a later time.

Yes: 6 No: 0

7. Department Reports

- A. Village Manager – Burns** reported that they had a great turnout for the Whistle Stop Park photo shoot with Little Tykes for their 2019 catalog.
- B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director**
- C. OCSO**
- D. Fire**
- E. 911**
- F. DPW**
- G. Building**
- H. Water**
- I. Sewer**

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 – No additions to the Village Attorney report

11. Statement of Citizens – No statements of citizens.

12. Adjournment

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Yes: 6

No: 0

Joel TePastte, Village President Pro-tem

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk