



MINUTES

**Monday, May 21, 2018
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 7:12 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

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

Absent: None

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by **Hanks**, second from **Duer**, to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6. I. Business Recognition.

Yes: 6 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 59766 - 59842) in the amount of \$265,720.12.
- B. Approved the minutes for the April 9, 2018 work session and the April 16, 2018 regular Council meeting.
- C. Approved the low bid of \$60,500 from Anlaan for the replacement of fence along the boardwalk at Old Boys which includes a change order to add 97' of fencing for an additional cost of \$5,500.
- D. Approved adoption of Resolution 2018 - 10 for National Boating Safety Week.
- E. Approved an agreement with Spring Lake Township for tax collection services.
- F. Approved the placement of delinquent water/sewer bills on the summer tax bill.
- G. Approved a public hearing for the budget adoption for Monday, June 11, 2018

at 7:00 p.m. at Barber School.

- H. Approved budget amendments for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.
- I. Approved the use of Mill Point Park bandshell on July 28, 2018 by Weiss Chiropractic and Wellness Center.
- J. Declined participation in the Neighborhood Housing Services contract starting in FY 2018/2019.

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

Yes: 6 No: 0

6. General Business

A. You Make the Difference Award – Leslie Van Leeuwen-Vega

Subject: Leslie is a local business owner & resident who whole-heartedly stepped up to assist the DDA with the Village Adventure. Her vision, enthusiasm and hard work greatly contributed to the success of the event.

Ms. Van Leeuwen-Vega was not able to attend this meeting and will be presented with her award at the next DDA or Council meeting.

B. You Make the Difference Award – Michelle Dixon

Subject: Michelle Dixon was ½ the dynamic duo behind “the Michelles” who were the champions behind the Village Adventure on May 4, 2018.

President **Powers** presented Ms. Dixon with her You Make the Difference Award. **Council** thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the Village.

C. You Make the Difference Award – Megan Doss

Subject: It is with great sadness that Village Council is losing Megan Doss. She has been pivotal in numerous changes throughout the Village during her tenure. It is appropriate to bestow a YMTD award upon her.

President **Powers** presented Ms. Doss with her You Make the Difference Award. **Council** thanked Ms. Doss for her time serving on Council and Parks Board and on her successful fundraising campaigns to renovate Central Park and Whistle Stop Playground.

Doss thanked the entire Village, Council and staff for allowing her to accomplish so much in such a short amount of time and complimented the professional staff

of Spring Lake Village for working above and beyond the call of duty. **Doss** also thanked Council for working with her, embracing her creative thoughts and methods, specifically regarding Central Park and Whistle Stop Playground. **Doss** said she had no prior experience on any governmental council and had no idea what she was getting herself into, but could honestly say that being a member of the Spring Lake Village Council had been one of the most rewarding experiences of her professional life and volunteer life and she became very philanthropic as part of all this.

Lee **Schuitema**, speaking as a member of the Parks and Rec Board, commended **Doss** on all her huge accomplishments and what a joy it had been to work with her and how much she would be missed.

D. Council Appointment

Subject: On April 30, 2018, Ms. Megan Doss tendered her resignation on Village Council. According to Village Charter Section C-28(D), Council has 30 days to appoint her replacement. Should they fail to do so, the Village President must appoint a replacement. Three candidates were interviewed on Monday, May 14, 2018. One additional question was posed via email to those candidates.

Council discussed the candidates and their reasons for supporting them.

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Hanks**, to appoint Susan Petrus to fill Doss's vacated Council seat.

Yes: 5 No: 1 (VanStrate)

President **Powers** added that Steve Nauta was an excellent candidate and he would have very much liked him back on Council and hoped that Nauta would apply for any future openings.

E. Selection of President Pro-Tem

Subject: Since Megan Doss served at the President Pro-tem, it is necessary to select a Council Member to serve in that capacity.

Motion by **Hanks**, second from **Duer**, to nominate Joel **TePastte** to serve in the capacity of Village President Pro-tem. **TePastte** excepted the nomination.

Yes: 6 No: 0

F. Board & Committee Appointments

Subject: It is necessary to appoint someone to fill the vacancies created on the following boards/committees:

- Spring Lake Village/Township Collaboration Committee
- Parks & Recreation
- Library Board (not required to be a Council Member)

Motion by **TePastte**, second from **Miller** to appoint Steve Nauta to the Library Board provided he approved this appointment.

After some discussion, President **Powers** agreed to sit on the SLV/SLT Committee until such time that newly appointed **Petrus** was up to speed.

Motion by **TePastte**, second from **Miller** to appoint President **Powers** to the SLV/SLT Committee and Susan **Petrus** to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Yes: 6 No: 0

G. Spring Lake Fire Department Annual Report

Subject: Fire Chief Brian Sipe will be in attendance to present his annual report and discuss the strategic plan.

Fire Chief Brian Sipe presented Council with his annual report and went over his strategic plan. Chief Sipe shared that J.P. DeLass had been awarded Fire Fighter of the Year.

Council thanked Chief Sipe for his report.

H. USCG Joint Resolution

Subject: The Ferrysburg Mayor Pro-tem has asked the Village to participate in a joint resolution honoring the men and women who served aboard the USCGC Escanaba.

Motion by **Miller**, second from **Hanks**, to approve a joint resolution honoring the men and women who served aboard the USCGC Escanaba.

Yes: 6 No: 0

I. Business Recognition – Burns shared that it was time to select a business that has contributed to the community through job growth and/or investment in their facility to receive Business Recognition.

Council reviewed the list of previous recipients and discussed new businesses in the Village.

Motion by **Hanks**, second from **Miller**, to nominate Best Financial Credit Union to receive a Business Recognition award.

Yes: 6

No: 0

7. Department Reports

A. Village Manager – Burns added that, to date, there have been 12 muskrats trapped at Mill Point Park in an attempt to keep the bank from eroding further. **Burns** shared that the Holiday Inn has been sold and that she has a meeting scheduled with the director of TSC at MDOT to go over the stop light at Jackson along with a couple of other items regarding the development along Jackson St. **Burns** reported that there were a number of road races coming up and also reported that there had been a party at Barber School over the weekend and there was red frosting on the carpet behind the dais, something smeared on her chair and gouges on the end of the new dais. **Council** discussed options to better monitor the building and asked to bring this item to the next Work Session.

B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director – Hinga said he would like to swear in **TePastte** as President Pro-tem after the meeting.

C. OCSO

D. Fire

E. 911

F. DPW

G. Water

H. Sewer

I. Minutes from Various Board & Committees

1. **DDA**

2. **Parks & Recreation**

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council – No old business.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council – 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 **TePastte**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Mark Powers, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk