



Village of Spring Lake
Minutes Council Work Session

May 14, 2018

7:00 p.m.

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

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

1. Short-term Rentals (Bob Mersereau & Ron Bultje) - At the April 9, 2018 Work Session, Mr. Bob Mersereau asked to be placed on the agenda in order to discuss his short-term rental. Mr. Ron Bultje was present to answer questions that Mr. Mersereau or Council had regarding the current Village ordinance. Council directed Ron to work with Jennifer Howland and the Planning Commission to draft an ordinance amendment and a regulatory ordinance regarding short-term rentals.

2. Resignation of Council Member Megan Doss – Council regrettably accepted Megan's resignation.

3. Interviews for Council Vacancy

- Steve Nauta
- Marianne Martinus
- Susan Petrus

Council directed **Burns** to email each candidate with a question regarding services on boards/committees. They will make an appointment at the regular meeting.

4. Board/Committee Appointments - Due to the resignation of Council Member Doss, Council contemplated her replacement on several boards/committees:

- Library Board
- Parks & Recreation/Tree Board
- SLT/SLV Board

5. Neighborhood Housing Services (Rhonda Klein) – Rhonda made a presentation to Council regarding a new proposal for Neighborhood Housing Services. Council asked that a motion to decline the request be placed on the consent agenda.

- 6. Central Park Reservation – Ride of Silence** - This is an annual event that stages at Central Park. The organizers requested permission to utilize Central Park on May 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
- 7. Railing Replacement Bids** - The railing along the boardwalk contiguous to Old Boys is in need of replacement. The bids for the project came in higher than anticipated. The DDA have reviewed the bids and recommend approving a \$55,000 bid from Anlaan. Some DDA members also took a field trip to the site after their meeting. The question was posed as to why there was a gap in the fencing. Council determined that a change order for \$5,500 was appropriate to fill in the gap on the fencing.
- 8. Stonegate Sewer Discussion** - During the SAW grant process, it was discovered that the manholes servicing the Stonegate development were completely paved over. When unable to locate the manholes, staff directed Plummer's Environmental to televise the sewer system that services that development. It was during this televising that the issue was discovered. Clarence has offered to fix the issue for the development at no charge.
- 9. National Boating Safety Week Proclamation** – Council asked that this item be placed on the consent agenda.
- 10. DPW Director Search Update – Burns** updated Council on the timeline for replacing John Stuparits after he retires.
- 11. Delinquent Utility Accounts (Marv Hinga)** - According to Sec. 78-176 all delinquent water/sewer bills (including penalties) that are 3 months or more past due can be placed on summer taxes as a lien against the property. Sec 78-342 allows the Village to place a lien on property to recover costs of mowing. These assessments need to be approved by Council at the May meeting for placement on the taxes in June.
- 12. Oak Tree** - The Oak Tree at the Intermediate School has undergone its third evaluation. The third evaluation states the same thing that the first two evaluations stated; the tree is dying and poses a risk to both people and

property. The Tree Board has, once again, contemplated the future of the tree and suggests following the arborist's recommendation to remove the tree.

13.2018/2019 Budget Discussion - Council received a proposed budget for 2018/2019. Staff has compiled this budget based on conversations that took place at the strategic planning/goal setting session back in February. Staff has also incorporated recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Board as well as the DDA.

- Revenues/Expenditures
- Fees
- Brownfield

14.Set Public Hearing for Budget Adoption - The public hearing for the adoption of the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year budget will take place on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Barber School. The public notice was attached with the millage rates reflecting a slight increase in the operating millage and a slight decrease in the debt millage from the previous fiscal year. This results in no net change from the previous year.

15.Budget Amendments - The Finance Committee reviewed the proposed budget amendments immediately prior to the Work Session and recommended approval.

16.Use of Mill Point Park Bandshell - Weiss Chiropractic & Wellness Center has requested the use of the Mill Point Park Bandshell on July 28, 2018 from 1-4 p.m.

17.Communications -

- DDA Report – Village Adventure
- Library Calendar (May)
- Michigan Municipal League – Worker's Compensation Award
- Michigan Municipal League – Feature Article
- Sewer Force Main
- Street Closing – Grandview to Prospect (Council agreed to close)
- Tree Removal – 231 E. Savidge

18.Minutes -

Minutes of the April 9, 2018 Work Session and April 16, 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 May 18, 2018.

19. Public Comment – None.

20. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Mark Powers, Village President

Christine Burns, Village Manager