



## Village of Spring Lake

### Council Work Session Minutes

December 10, 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. **Marihuana Ordinance**

The proposed ordinance would prohibit marihuana establishments as defined under the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act. Approximately 36 Michigan municipalities collectively hired the law firm of Dickenson Wright to draft language regarding this topic. Those sample documents are attached for Council review. At this time, Grand Haven & Spring Lake Townships and the Cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg have prohibited the sale and consumption of marihuana in public places.

Sheriff Kempker and Undersheriff Weiss spoke to Council regarding the legalization of recreational marihuana and what this might mean for the Village and surrounding municipalities that have already prohibited the sale and consumption in public places.

**Burns** reported that DDA Director Stanford-Butler reached out to local businesses asking their thoughts on selling marihuana in the Village and it seemed that businesses were reluctant to share their opinions for fear of losing business no matter which side of this issue they were on. **Burns** also shared some of the challenges if Council chose to not opt-out of prohibition of the sale and consumption of marihuana. **Council** discussed this issue and how their decision would impact the Village's businesses and residents. **Council** agreed to opt-out initially and revisit later in 2019 or 2020.

#### 2. **Affordable Housing TaskForce (Pat McGinnis)**

Pat McGinnis will have a brief PowerPoint presentation at the meeting.

Pat McGinnis gave a presentation on the Affordable Housing Taskforce and what the City of Grand Haven has done, and plan to do, to help residents with affordable housing. Mr. McGinnis said he was sharing this information in hopes of getting other communities involved.

### **3. Shared Planner Contract Renewal (Pat McGinnis)**

The Village has enjoyed numerous collaborations with the City of Grand Haven, one of which is sharing a planner. This arrangement has worked extremely well for the Village, as Jennifer Howland is a very competent individual. Staff wishes to continue this relationship; a contract extension is attached for Council review.

**Burns** asked Council for their opinion on renewing the Shared Planner contract. **Council** agreed this arrangement has worked well for the Village and would like the renewal to go on the Consent Agenda.

### **4. Water/Sewer Infrastructure (Marv Hinga)**

As the Village continues to analyze the needs of the water and sewer infrastructure, it has become readily apparent that rates will need to increase significantly in order to cover the necessary costs of large ticket items such as the new sewage force main, lead line replacements and similar improvements. Marv Hinga will present several scenarios for Council consideration.

**Council** discussed options for generating revenue to help cover costs of water/sewer infrastructure maintenance and repairs. **Council** asked Hinga for more information. **Hinga** said he would have this information for Council at the February 2019 meeting.

### **5. Village Commercial Credit Card**

**Hinga** asked Council for their approval to replace retired DPW Director Stuparits Commercial Credit card with one for current DPW Director Wally Delamater and a card for DDA Director Angela Stanford-Butler. Council approved this request for the Consent Agenda.

### **6. Board & Committee Appointments**

**Burns** reported that President Powers has agreed to serve on the Library Board and asked Council if this could be added to the Consent Agenda. **Council** agreed.

### **7. Art in the Park Update**

DDA Director Angela Stanford-Butler has created the logo for the Art in the Park crowd-funding campaign. Staff is awaiting the final approval on the verbiage from the Patronicity Project Manager to launch.

**Burns** reported that this crowd-funding campaign would be going go live in the next week and that the Art in the Park Committee consisted of herself, Angela Stanford-Butter, Chris Protis, Christy Dreesse, Jason Kik, Darcy Dye and Lesley Van Leeuwen-Vega. **Burns** said that as soon as she gets the kickoff date, she will let Council know.

#### **8. Commercial Redevelopment District Update**

Chamber President Joy Gaasch was in attendance at the November meeting to discuss the benefits of developing a Commercial Redevelopment District. Village Attorney Bob Sullivan is drafting language to establish a CRD for Council consideration at the January meeting.

**Burns** said she had met with Elizabeth Butler, the new Economic Development Director, and they were moving forward with drafting language to get the Commercial Redevelopment District up and running. **Burns** also said she would be having a meeting with Kim VanKampen before Christmas and a meeting with the owners of Holiday Inn regarding a potential expansion.

#### **9. Board & Committee Meeting Dates for 2019**

**Burns** shared the 2019 schedule for all Board and Commission meetings and asked Council for their approval on the Consent Agenda. **Burns** said she would not be in town for the March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting so Hinga would be taking that one for her, and there would only be one meeting in June to adopt the Budget prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>. The **Board** agreed this was an item for the Consent Agenda.

#### **10. Communications**

- Beautification Committee Update
- Grand Haven Charter Township – P&R Plan Amendment
- Library Calendar

**Burns** shared that there would be a Tabletop Emergency Exercise with the County Emergency Management Director and all the stake holders regarding the Exchange Street Project to go over the “What If’s”, such as a

semi accident, gas leak, etc. and that she was looking forward to this exercise.

**Burns** reported there would be interviews for the Zoning Ordinance Consultants and invited any Council Member to join.

**Burns** said they would be presenting Lou Draeger with a "You Make the Difference" award for his remarkable years of service to the community at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Burns** shared her holiday time off plans.

## **11. Minutes**

Minutes of the November 12, 2018 Work Session and November 19, 2018 regular meeting were attached for review. Council asked that they be placed on the Consent Agenda.

## **12. 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 suggested language other than "Opt Out" be used when communicating to the public regarding RMR and also to be mindful of the wording for the rising costs of the water/sewer rates.

Lee Schuitema spoke regarding RMR and the adverse effects he has seen on workers at a shop he managed in the past.

Elizabeth Wheeler spoke regarding RMR and parking for residents that live on Exchange Street during reconstruction.

**Delamater** showed Council a few slides of the Village Cove Lift Station discharge that actually showed up at the Holiday Inn Lift Station because they were connected without a check valve. **Delamater** also showed an ongoing problem at Two Tony's with over two foot of grease in the man hole. **Delamater** said that, at today's standards, this type of drainage would not have been allowed for a private development and had been redone.

**13. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Mark Powers, Village President

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk