



Village of Spring Lake

Council Work Session Minutes

February 11, 2019

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. Presentation of flag to Marine PFC Zachery Clark.

Chris Hindley, the mother of Marine PFC Zachery Clark (623 Fall) requested that an American flag be flown over Village Hall and then presented to her son for his service to our country. He graduated from basic training this week and after a 10-day leave he will head to North Carolina for more training and school of infantry. Ms. Hindley offered to purchase the flag for the presentation.

President **Powers** presented Marine PFC Zachery Clark with an American flag, that had been flown over Village Hall, honoring PFC Clark for the service to his country.

2. Polar Vortex Update (Wally Delamater)

Delamater reported everything had gone well, other than the Township had a major pump go out during a 25° below day. **Delamater** said that there were no other equipment breakdowns and the Village and Township DPW's worked together to get the snow cleaned up.

3. Memorandum of Understanding - North Bank Trail Maintenance with Crockery Township

The Village is receiving MDOT Grant money as a pass-through Act 51 agency for Crockery Township for the construction of the bike path. Technically, the Village would be responsible for the maintenance of the trail. By adopting a maintenance agreement with Crockery Township, that burden will rightfully shift to Crockery Township. This document and the Resolution will be made available for review prior to the Council Meeting.

Hinga reported that the Village was the Act 51 agency administering an MDOT TAP Grant to help Crockery Township build the North Bank Trail from 130th Ave. to downtown Nunica on 112th Ave. and being the administrator

makes the Village responsible for the maintenance, so there needed to be an agreement whereby Crockery Township would take care of the maintenance. **Hinga** said that Bob Sullivan was drafting the agreement that would have to be approved by the Village and Crockery Township. **Hinga** explained that this was the next step to protect the interests of the Village and that the Village could walk away at any time if they wanted, but Crockery would not want that to happen because if they had to go through this process again, they would probably lose about \$300,000 out of \$1.1 million.

4. State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan Agreement Signers - North Bank Trail Construction

The Village as an ACT 51 entity is serving as the pass-through agent for Crockery Township on a SIB loan which will be used to finance construction of the North Bank Trail from 130th to 112th Ave. The loan agreement requires the Village Council adopt a resolution designating the authorized signer for the SIB Loan.

Hinga explained that previously they had agreed to apply for the SIB loan and had been approved, so now they needed to designate a signer. **Hinga** said that they needed a resolution appointing the signer and Manager Burns thought that it should be him. **Council** agreed that Hinga should be the signer for the SIB Loan and this item could be added to the Consent Agenda.

5. Budget Amendments (Marv Hinga).

The finance committee reviewed the proposed budget amendments on Monday, February 4, 2019.

Hinga explained that the first of 3 budget adjustments dealt with refunds that the Village was ordered to pay for some 2017 taxes that had been reduced by the State Tax Tribunal, so the County payed the taxpayer and then billed each entity for their share of that reduction. **Hinga** said the 2nd adjustment was due to the Township asking that the billing for Zoning services go from annual billing to every 6 months and the last was due to the closing of Tanglefoot Park for the 2019 calendar year, so they were losing most of the revenue that normally came in between March 1st and May 1st but the expenses did not drop off that much. **Hinga** said the good news was that there had been a surplus last year of about \$102,000.

Council agreed with the budget amendments and they could be added to the Consent Agenda.

6. You Make the Difference Award (Parker Bonney – 114 E. Tolford)

On January 29, 2019 a 9-year old resident took the initiative to shovel out fire hydrants in the bitter cold, thereby setting a great example for his Village neighbors and certainly worthy of recognition. Mr. Bonney has been invited to attend the regular Council Meeting on February 18, 2019 and will be bringing members of his cub scout troop with him for the presentation.

Burns explained that when a young man takes the initiative to shovel out fire hydrants in a polar vortex, he needed to be recognized so she had reached out to Mrs. Bonney and she will be bringing Parker to the Council meeting for his You Make the Difference Award. **Council** agreed that Parker was a great example for his community.

7. Short-term Rentals Regulatory Ordinance

Attached please find the proposed ordinance for the regulatory piece of the short-term rental issue. This, too, was crafted with input from the property owners and staff.

There was no additional discussion on this item.

8. Coming up in March

- Recreational Marijuana Ordinance
- Recreational Marijuana Regulatory Ordinance
- Commercial Redevelopment District Ordinance

Burns explained that the above items would all be on the March agenda with Public Hearings and Ron Bultje would be in attendance to give guidance and answer any questions. **Burns** said she would be gone for that meeting but **Hinga** would be attending. **Powers** asked if there was any interest in having the Sheriff come back to give his presentation on marijuana. **Powers** said the Sheriff's presentation was new information for him and affected his decision on marijuana. **Burns** said she had already asked the Sheriff to come back and give his presentation and it's on his calendar.

9. Communications

- Library Calendar (February)
- Sidewalk Complaint

Burns updated Council on the Art in the Park campaign.

Powers reported that there had been a Police Commission meeting and they were looking for a replacement for Deputy Steinhauer who would be retiring on July 4, 2019. **Powers** also said he had some ideas for possible restructuring the Sheriff's coverage of the Village, but since there was so much happening right now, he would wait until a better time to discuss it.

10. Minutes

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Work Session and January 21, 2019 regular meeting were attached for review.

11. Public Comment

Lee Schuitema, 408 W. Exchange, said he did not think it would be good for the Village to allow recreational marijuana establishments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Mark Powers, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk