



## MINUTES

**Monday, April 15, 2019  
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 7:00 p.m.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

### **3. Roll Call**

**Present:** Duer, Miller, Petrus, Powers, Van Strate.

**Absent:** Hanks and TePastte

Motion by **Miller**, second from **Van Strate**, to excuse the absence of Hanks and TePastte.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

### **4. Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by **Petrus**, second from **Miller**, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item I. A Request for approval of the Local Governing Body of a Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses required by the Michigan Charitable Gaming Commission to the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

### **5. Consent Agenda**

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 60453-60497 and electronic payment 34) in the amount of \$308,006.61.

B. Approved the minutes for the March 11, 2019 work session and the March 18, 2019 regular Council meeting.

C. Approved Resolution 2019 – 12, a Resolution approving an Interfund Advance from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

D. Approved the public hearing for the budget adoption for June 10, 2019 at 7:00

p.m. at Barber School.

- E. Approved budget adjustments to the 2018/2019 fiscal year budget.
- F. Approved a policy regarding mailbox replacement.
- G. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with MDOT for trunkline maintenance.
- H. Approved the use of the Mill Point Park pavilion on May 6, 2019 by Little Lakers Learning Center.
- I. Approved a Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses required by the Michigan Charitable Gaming Commission.

Motion by **Duer**, second from **Miller**, to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item I.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

## **6. General Business**

### **A. Recognition – Deputy Clerk Maryann Fonkert**

Ms. Maryann Fonkert recently received the designation of Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk (CMCC) by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. To earn the CMMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The CMMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning.

President **Powers** congratulated and presented Deputy Clerk Fonkert with her CMCC plaque.

### **B. Recognition – Deputy Treasurer Lori Spelde**

Deputy Treasurer Lori Spelde has completed the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association requirements to obtain her Michigan Certified Professional Treasurer designation. There are 100 hours of instruction over a wide array of topics ensure that every graduate has a thorough introduction and understanding of municipal treasury. The program is designed to enhance the overall job performance of treasurers in both small and large municipalities.

President **Powers** congratulated and presented Deputy Treasurer Spelde with her MCPT plaque.

**7. Department Reports**

**A. Village Manager** – Manager **Burns** apologized for her recent use of slang on social media that could be considered offensive by community members that she held dear to her heart. **Burns** said that in her mind the term, while very childish, meant something different. A Google search found dozens of definitions, one of which referenced developmentally disabled people. **Burns** said that she and her husband have served as coaches for Special Olympics, are financial contributors to Gracious Grounds and have a son with Autism Spectrum Disorder and that she, of all people, should have known better, and for that she was sorry and would like to offer an apology.

**B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director**

**C. OCSO**

**D. Fire** – **Burns** reported that Chief Sipe would like to attend the May 20, 2019 meeting to present his annual report.

**E. 911**

**F. DPW** – **Burns** reported that the collaboration with Spring Lake Township was going very well and they were pleased with the teamwork they were seeing from both sides.

**G. Building**

**H. Ambulance**

**I. Sewer**

**J. Minutes from Various Board & Committees**

**1. Parks & Recreation (03/04/19)**

**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.

**11. Statement of Citizens** – The following people spoke during Statements of Citizens regarding the fake Village Facebook page and a recent Facebook post by Village Manager Christine Burns.

- Lee Painter, 371 S Lake Ave
- Lee Schuitema, 408 W Exchange St
- Nolan Converse, 1870 148<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Hope Kavos, 208 South St
- Lou Loseth, 749 Winter St
- Gordon Gallagher, 211 N Fruitport Rd
- Karen Chalupa, 115 Prospect
- Patti Eddington, 806 River St
- Chris Sutherland, 105 S Lake Ave

Before the meeting adjourned President **Powers** stated that having known Ms. Burns and Sgt. Kik for quite some time, he could say good things about them and thought they cared about this community and, in his experience, they try to do the right thing. President **Powers** said this was the first time he had seen Mr. Painter, but having looked at his Facebook page, he thought he understood him, at least as much as he could with what little he knew. President **Powers** followed a couple of Twitter accounts that were satire pages and that he found amusing and that satire was a part of a grand tradition of literature, so he thought what Mr. Painter was trying to do was reach out to his community in some way. President **Powers** said that when he looked at this issue, he felt a sense of a Greek-like tragedy where decent people interacted in a way that caused a very unpleasant outcome. At present, he did not see any broken bodies or empty wallets, but he did see something in a small town that had caused a great deal of pain, but the kind of pain that could be addressed in a relatively straight forward and honest way and hopefully a moving past it by everyone with a little bit of faith, decency and a bit of forgiveness. President **Powers** said that if this community or government had treated Mr. Painter poorly, then he felt bad about that and he was very sorry and hoped that Mr. Painter would not hold it against this community. Spring Lake was a wonderful place to live filled with decent people, including Mr. Painter, Ms. Burns and Sgt. Kik. In closing, President **Powers** asked, over the next few weeks, if everyone could find it in themselves to not be enemies and to move past this event.

## 12. Adjournment

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Duer**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Yes: 5

No: 0

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Mark Powers, Village President

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk