



Village of Spring Lake

Council Work Session Minutes

April 8, 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. Water/Sewer Rate Study (Marv Hinga)

Andy Campbell, CPA from Baker Tilly, was in attendance to discuss the findings of the water/sewer rate study that was recently completed as part of the SAW grant. There was considerable discussion regarding summer sewer credits, how to pay for the much-needed improvements and the obligation to evaluate rate increases based on Village infrastructure and not necessarily compare our community to others that have newer infrastructure.

2. Interfund Advance for Infrastructure Improvements (Marv Hinga)

Marv explained how an interfund advance works and recommended that Council approve up to a \$300,000 advance from the water to the sewer fund in order to complete some necessary infrastructure projects this calendar year. Council agreed on an interest rate of 2.5% for repayment.

3. Preliminary General Fund Budget Discussion (Marv Hinga)

The preliminary GF budget was distributed at the meeting. Marv hit the high points and explained the focus of staff's time over the next several years will be on water/sewer infrastructure projects.

4. Set Public Hearing for Budget Adoption

The public hearing for the adoption of the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year budget will take place on June 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Barber School. The public notice was attached for Council review 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.

5. Budget Adjustments

Marv Hinga reported that since Joel was in Florida and Michelle was extremely busy with tax day approaching that a finance committee

meeting was not held immediately prior to the work session. He detailed each budget adjustments for Council review. Council asked that this item be placed on the consent agenda.

6. Downtown Redevelopment Update

The Village Manager updated Council on the latest happenings with the Epicurean Village project.

7. Mill Point Park/Tanglefoot Park Master Plan

The Village Manager updated Council on the latest happenings with the master plan project. The next committee meeting would take place on April 29th and the reveal to the public would take place during the Village Adventure. Community Engagement meetings would be held after that.

8. DPW Collaboration Update

Wally Delamater briefed Council on how the merger was going and the structure that had been established. There was a learning curve regarding the tracking of time and the accounting associated with the equipment rental, but all was going rather well.

9. Mailbox Replacement Policy

Wally Delamater explained that the Village had no written policy regarding the replacement of mailboxes damaged during plowing season. This policy served to solidify how mailbox replacement was handled.

10. Memorandum of Understanding, MDOT Trunkline Maintenance

Marv Hinga briefed Council on the Memorandum of Understanding. Council requested this item be placed on the consent agenda.

11. Raffle License

The Chamber of Commerce needed Council's blessing to apply for a raffle license for the Grub & Brew Fest being held on April 27, 2019. Council asked that this item be placed on the consent agenda.

12. Mill Point Park Usage

Little Lakers Learning Center would like to reserve the pavilion at Mill Point Park on May 6, 2019 from 4-8 p.m. Council asked that this item be placed on the consent agenda.

13. Grant Opportunities

- North Bank Communities Fund
- Consumers Energy – Put Your Town on the Map
- MSHDA

14. Communications

- Compliment (MacLachlan)
- Library Calendar (April)
- NOCH Newsletter
- Zoning Ordinance Open Houses

15. Minutes

Minutes of the March 11, 2019 Work Session and March 18, 2019 regular meeting are attached for review. Should you wish to make edits, please share that information with Chris Burns or Maryann Fonkert prior to April 12, 2019.

16. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

17. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mark Powers, Village President

Christine Burns, Village Manager