



MINUTES

Monday, January 20, 2014
7:00 P.M., Barber School
102 West Exchange Street
Spring Lake, Michigan

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Present: Bennett, MacLachlan, Miller, Nauta (entered at 7:04 p.m.), Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: Meyers

Motion by Bennett, second by Miller, to excuse the absence of Council Member Bill Meyers.

Yes: 5 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda:

On a motion by VanStrate, second from Bennett, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 5 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda:

A. Approved the payment of the bills in the amount of \$179,992.41.

B. Approved the minutes for the December 16, 2013 regular Village Council meeting.

C. Consideration of a motion to approve the submission of a permit to DEQ by the Spring Lake Yacht Club for dock improvements.

- D. Consideration of a motion to approve the use of Central Park by the Spring Lake Rotary for the annual Snow Jam on February 15, 2014.
- E. Consideration of a motion to approve a lease with the Spring Lake Country Club for the use of property on State Road for snow and brush storage.
- F. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of tires for the backhoe from the low bidder, Wessel's Inc., at an amount not to exceed \$1,850.
- G. Consideration of a motion to approve a Tree Trimming Policy.
- H. Consideration of a motion to approve an agreement with Ottawa County for the use of seasonal SWAP crews.
- I. Consideration of a motion to approve a snow hauling bid with the low bidder, Northern Pipeline for an amount not to exceed \$225/hour.
- J. Consideration of a motion to approve the tenant of 114 W. Savidge access to his garage periodically throughout the year by coning a spot immediately behind his building.
- K. Consideration of motion to approve the annual EVIP submission due to the State of Michigan on February 1, 2014.
- L. Consideration of a motion to deny the request of the Mulligan's Hollow Board of Directors for funding for a new snow groomer.
- M. Consideration of a motion to approve the submission of a letter to State Representative Pete MacGregor regarding MERS legislation, approving Village Manager Christine Burns to sign on behalf of the Council.
- N. Consideration of a motion to appoint Mr. Chip Bonhoff to the Historic Conservation Commission (expiring 11/2016) and Mr. Erik Poel to the Parks & Recreation Board (expiring 11/2015).

On a motion by Bennett, second from Nauta, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Yes: 6 No: 0

6. General Business:

A. You Make The Difference Awards:

Council presented a You Make the Difference Award to 521 LLC. Mr. Andrew Dull was present to accept the award.

B. Winsor McCay Capital Campaign

Local resident Ms. Elizabeth Wheeler proposed commencing a capital campaign to raise funds for the installation of a Memorial for Winsor McCay at the pocket park located between the former Braach's Bakery and 114 W. Savidge. Not knowing the cost associated with the improvements, it was staff's recommendation that this item be considered as part of the 2014/2015 budget process. Funds will need to be earmarked for engineering, design and cost estimates. Based on past experience with the Central Park capital campaign, this project should be initiated by the Spring Lake Historic Conservation Commission and the Winsor McCay Committee with a formal recommendation coming from those bodies. Volunteers such as Ms. Wheeler are in integral part of the success of the project, but it is critical that details of the project be vetted prior to commencing a capital campaign.

Council Member Miller asked Village Attorney Bob Sullivan to investigate whether or not the SLHCC had oversight on people or just structures.

7. Department Reports:

A. Village Manager

In addition to her written report, Manager Burns read aloud a "*Thank You*" note from Maribeth Lawrence for staff's thoughtfulness during her recent injury.

- B. Clerk/Treasurer
- C. Police Chief
- D. DPW
- E. Water
- F. Sewer

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council:

Council Member VanStrate asked about the status of the lights at the dog park. Manager Burns stated that money was budgeted for the project, but it was not yet completed. DPW Director Roger Belknap will report on the project at the next meeting.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council:

10. Status Report: Village Attorney: None.

11. Statements of Citizens:

Ms. Elizabeth Wheeler, 120 N. Lake, thanked the Council for their support of the Winsor McCay memorial idea.

Mr. Andrew Dull, 114 W. Savidge, stated that he felt the Village should have a more cohesive feel and that the park next to his building should not necessarily be a "theme park". He stressed the importance of branding and image and suggested that the Village Council explore the idea of Place Making further.

12. Adjournment:

On a motion by VanStrate, second by Bennett, the Village Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Yes: 6 No: 0

James MacLachlan, Village President

Christine Burns, Village Manager