



MINUTES

**Monday October 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, Meyers, Miller, Nauta, Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: None

4. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by **Bennett**, support from **Miller**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 7 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 55934 - 56051 in the amount of \$264,341.38.

B. Approved the minutes for the September 15, 2014 Council meeting.

C. Approved the purchase of a Kubota B2650 from Kent Equipment for an amount not to exceed \$8,700.00 which includes the trade-in of the Kubota F3080.

D. Approved the purchase of new dock gates for installation behind Spring Lake Condos from Straightline Fence in an amount not to exceed \$10,787.00.

E. Approved the following Board & Committee Appointments:

Board	Appointee	Expiration
CBDDA	Dr. James Moore	11/17
CBDDA	Doug Heins	11/17
CBDDA	Steve Nauta	11/17
Historic Commission	Shelly Brower	11/17
Historic Commission	Bruce Campbell	11/17
Parks & Recreation	Bob McCulloch	11/17
Parks & Recreation	Clarissa Groenevelt	11/17
Planning Commission	Lesley VanLeeuwen-Vega	11/17
Planning Commission	Scott VanStrate	11/17
Planning Commission	John Yasenak	11/17
Library Board	Tom Cousineau	11/17
ZBA	Elizabeth Wheeler	11/17
ZBA	Scott VanStrate	11/17

F. Approved a working holiday for staff on November 11, 2014.

On a motion by **Bennett**, support from **Miller**, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: 7

No: 0

6. 7:06 p.m. General Business

- A. Council held a Public Hearing, required by The Michigan Community Block Grant Program, and subsequently adopted Resolution 2014-9 on the merits of the rehab grant for Isabel's House, located at 107 S. Division.

The Michigan Community Block Grant Program requires that a public hearing be held on the merits of the rehab grant for Isabel's House, located at 107 S. Division.

Manager **Burns** explained that the Michigan Community Block Grant Program required that a public hearing be held on the merits of the rehab grant for Isabel's House, located at 107 S. Division. Manager **Burns** said that the work total was \$274,000 but the grant equated to 137,000 grant from the CDBG program, \$5,000 of local government match and \$132,000 of private monies. Manager **Burns** also pointed out that due to a potential perceived conflict of interest, Council Member **Nauta** would have to abstained from this discussion and voting.

Council Member **Nauta** excused himself to sit in the audience.

President **MacLachlan** opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Lee Schuitema, 408 W. Exchange St., was present and said that he, being a neighbor of Isabel's House and knowing the good work they do,

was in favor of the grant and adopting Resolution 2014-9.

There were no further comments from the public.

On a motion by **VanStrate**, support from **Bennett**, the Village Council closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Yes: 6 No: 0

On a motion by **Meyers**, support from **Bennett**, to adopt Resolution 2014-9 in connection with the Michigan Community Block Grant Program on the merits of the rehab grant for Isabel's House, located at 107 S. Division.

Yes: 6 No: 0

B. Delinquent Taxes & Land Bank Presentation

Ottawa County Treasurer Brad Slagh was present and discussed the delinquent tax process all the way from the Village Treasurer through to the County Land Bank.

Ottawa County Treasurer, Brad Slagh, gave an overview of taxes from the moment the taxes get started with the Assessor and Village Treasurer, to the time they are handed over to him at the county. Mr. Slagh explained that the Village holds the delinquent taxes for one year and then passes them on to him where he is required to hold them for two years. Mr. Slagh also explained the procedures he is required to follow, to try to collect the taxes, and the fees assessed during that time. Mr. Slagh went on to explain the process when the taxes were not collected in those two years and how properties end up in the Ottawa County's Land Bank.

7. Department Reports

A. Village Manager

Manager **Burns** reminded the Council that the Village office would be closed on November 11th for a working holiday so if they had any packets, minutes or other paperwork they would like shredded to please drop them off at Village Hall. Manager **Burns** also told Council she had received the Village totals for the Parks and Recreation survey to add to their Community Wide Recreation Survey totals.

B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

Finance Director, Marv **Hinga**, explained to Council why the MERS Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) valuation had dropped significantly from December 31, 2013 to July 1, 2014 **Hinga** said.

- C. DPW
- D. OCSO/911
- E. Fire Department
- F. Water
- G. Sewer
- H. Building Department
- I. Harbor Transit

President **MacLachlan** pointed out that if the Harbor Transit mileage was approved, it would be collected by the Township instead of both the Township and the Village at a rate of .6.

- J. Economic Development
- K. Annual OPEB - GH
- L. Road Commission Newsletter

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

President **MacLachlan** asked if Alloy's Ally would be taken care of soon. Manager **Burns** said that Village Engineer, Ryan **Arends**, recommended bidding this out in the spring to get a better price due to contractor's being extremely busy at this time.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

Council Member **Nauta** asked who had purchased the Old Burnside building. Manager **Burns** said that Mr. Johnson from Shady Lane had bought it to use as a storage building. Manager Burns also reported that the 203 S. Cutler building was for lease.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney - None

11. Statement of Citizens

There were no statements of citizens.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by **VanStrate**, support from **Miller**, the Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

James MacLachlan, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk