

# MINUTES

Monday December 15, 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, Nauta, Powers, Van Strate.

**Absent:** Meyers, Miller,

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Van Strate**, to excuse the absence of Council Members **Meyers and Miller**.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Nauta**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**5. Consent Agenda**

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 56148 - 56225) in the amount of \$133,327.75.

B. Approved the minutes for the November 17, 2014 Regular Council Meeting and the December 2, 2014 Special Council meeting.

C. Approved Resolution 2014-13 naming the MDOT State Trunkline Signers.

D. Approved the 2015 MDOT Maintenance Agreement.

- E. Approved an agreement with the City of Grand Haven for Zoning & Planning Services for 2015.
- F. Approved an agreement with Peterson Environmental for design and construction oversight for the Grand River Greenway wetlands.
- G. Approved termination of the Village's contractual relationship with Infinisource for Flexible Spending Benefits.
- H. Approved adoption of revisions to the Village's Personnel Policy Manual.
- I. Approved adoption of Resolution 2014- 14 which would establish a moratorium for the issuance of any licenses, permits, or other approvals for medical marihuana provisioning centers or dispensaries, for a period of six months or until the Village has enacted necessary ordinances, whichever is first to occur.

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Van Strate**, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

## 6. General Business

- A. Council held a Public Hearing on amendments to the Village of Spring Lake Zoning Code pertaining to changes in Chapter 17, Sign Ordinance.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this matter on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. There were no objections. This change will enable residents who are holding garage sales to install temporary signs to advertise their sale.

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

Mr. Lee Schuitema, 408 W Exchange St., asked if the Ordinance included language requiring garage sale signs be removed after the sale.

President **MacLachlan** said that signs will be required to be removed at the end of the sale.

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Van Strate**, the Village Council closed the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Powers**, to approve amendments to the Village of Spring Lake Zoning Code, Ordinance Number 340, Section

17.1, B - Signs Not Requiring a Permit, Section 17.2, Definitions and Section 17.5, Signs Permitted in All Zoning Districts pertaining to garage sale signs.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**7. Department Reports**

**A. Village Manager**

Manager **Burns** updated the Council on the Village's audit and reported that the head auditor, Doug Vredevelde, would attend the January 2015 meeting to present the audit findings.

**B. Clerk/Treasurer**

President **MacLachlan** pointed out, for Council review, that the Village will be getting \$50,000 a year, as a result of the passage of the road millage in Ottawa County, starting in 2016. **MacLachlan** also noted there would be additional funds, starting in July 2015, from the bike path millage.

**C. OCSO/911**

President **MacLachlan** shared from Sgt. Kik's report that all of the full time Deputies have chosen to stay in their current assignments after being given the chance to chose another assignment and that 2 of the part-time Deputies have accepted full time positions with the Department.

**D. DPW**

DPW Supervisor, Roger **Belknap**, gave a presentation pertaining to costs of winter maintenance in terms of equipment, labor, salaries and fringes. **Belknap** also updated Council on what DPW had been working on in the past month.

**E. Fire**

President **MacLachlan** noted that the Fire Department's monthly report showed the month of November to be a quiet month with about 60 fire calls (about 2 a day).

**F. Water (*none included this month*)**

**G. Sewer**

**H. Building**

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

**1. Planning Commission**

**8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council**

No old business to discuss at this time.

**9. New Business and Reports by Village Council**

No new business to discuss at this time.

**10. Status Report: Village Attorney**

No report from the Village Attorney.

**11. Statement of Citizens**

Mr. Lee Schuitema, 408 W Exchange, said that after going over the DPW expenses, he felt these amounts were very economical compared to hourly rates from 13 years ago, when he was in sales, which were 25% higher.

**12. Adjournment**

On a motion by **Van Strate**, seconded by **Nauta**, the Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:32.

Yes: 5

No: 0

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James MacLachlan, Village President

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Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk