

# Village of Spring Lake

## Council Work Session

April 14, 2014

7:00 p.m.

102 West Savidge Street (Upstairs Conference Room)  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

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<b>1</b>	<b>(7:00 p.m.) FOIA Appeal</b>  Wood TV has submitted a written appeal ( <i>attached</i> ) in response to our denial of their FOIA request for Roger DeYoung's separation agreement. Attorney Steve Girard's recommendation is to deny the appeal which is attached for Council review.
<b>2</b>	<b>(7:04 p.m.) Fireworks - Spring Lake Heritage Festival</b>  The SLHF is in the midst of organizing their annual festival and have requested permission to utilize Mill Point Park June 11-14, 2014 as well as secure permission for a fireworks display on June 14, 2014.  Michele Yasenak will be in attendance to answer any questions Council may have regarding this year's festivities.
<b>3</b>	<b>(7:08 p.m.) Emergency Operations Plan (Brian Sipe)</b>  The Village's Emergency Operations Plan was in need of revision ( <i>attached</i> ). Village and Township staff, along with Beth Thomas (Ottawa County Emergency Management Director) held a table top exercise on March 17, 2014 to work through various emergency scenarios that may present themselves. The most note-worthy discussions centered around flooding preparation.
<b>4</b>	<b>(7:13 p.m.) FY 2014 Budget Adjustments/Preliminary FY 2015 Budget Discussions (Marv Hinga)</b>  The finance committee will be meeting immediately prior to the work session regarding current year budget adjustments and will offer input regarding the General Fund budget for FY 2015.
<b>5</b>	<b>(7:25 p.m.) Rezoning Request (Brian Sipe)</b>  Council Members have been provided with a paper copy of the rezoning request (and supporting documents) for 106 N. Fruitport Road. There will be no formal presentation at the work session, but Fire Chief Brian Sipe will be in attendance to answer any questions regarding the request. A public hearing will take place at

	the regular Council meeting on April 21, 2014.
<b>6</b>	<p><b>(7:30 p.m.) Intergovernmental Agreement</b></p> <p>The City of Ferrysburg and the Village of Spring Lake entered into Intergovernmental Police Services Agreement to share police services on March 23, 1998. That agreement (<i>attached</i>) expires on June 30, 2014. It is necessary to either renegotiate the agreement or allow it to expire in order to move forward with an agreement with Ottawa County.</p> <p>Attached please find a message from Village President Jim MacLachlan regarding this vital service provided by two communities.</p>
<b>7</b>	<p><b>(8:00 p.m.) Police Services Contract</b></p> <p>Attached please find the public input that has been received to date. This agenda item will be updated upon my return on April 14th.</p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>(8:15 p.m.) Fireworks - Grand Haven</b></p> <p>In 2013, the City of Grand Haven requested area municipalities consider a donation to their annual 4th of July fireworks display. Due to a budget deficit elimination plan being adopted six months prior, Council did not feel it was fiscally prudent to offer a monetary contribution in 2013. After having some discussions with staff in Grand Haven, an idea surfaced that would allow the Village to contribute to the fund. There are 5 transient boat slips at Mill Point Park. If the Village were to charge a fee per transient slip for the evening of July 4th and/or Coast Guard Festival, those monies could be our contribution to the fireworks display, since our residents enjoy the fireworks immensely.</p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>(8:20 p.m.) Wage &amp; Salary Survey and Personnel Policy Discussion</b></p> <p>In September 2013, the Village contracted with the Michigan Municipal League to perform a wage &amp; salary survey for all non-union positions. Council Members have been provided with the results as well as a proposed revised Personnel Policy. These items will be reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to the Work Session. No decision is expected at this time, but rather discussion and direction for budgetary purposes.</p>
<b>10</b>	<p><b>(8:30 p.m.) Harbor Transit</b></p> <p>Village President Pro-Tem Dave Bennett serves as the Council representative on the Harbor Transit Board of Directors. His term is expiring and it is necessary to reappoint him at this time.</p>
<b>11</b>	<p><b>(8:33 p.m.) Nominations for Business of the Year</b></p>

	<p>It is time once again to consider which business the Village would like to recognize. This year the Chamber will be holding the luncheon on June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Haven Golf Club. Please note that they would like to get these nominations back by April 25 in order to get the tributes and the awards ordered. A list of previous recipients is included in the Council packet.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>(8:40 p.m.) Sale of Surplus Equipment</b></p> <p>As reported at the March 10 work session, Former Police Chief Roger DeYoung requested that he be allowed to purchase the unmarked 2009 Ford Escape which currently has 62,734 miles on it. The vehicle was purchased in 2009 for \$26k using Federal Transportation CMAQ funds (\$18k Federal, \$8k Village), so sale of the asset is regulated by federal guidelines. Per Kelley Blue Book, sale of the vehicle to a private party would garner anywhere between \$17,632 to \$18,182 depending on the condition of the SUV. DPW Director Roger Belknap requested a copy of the project agreement with MDOT/FHWA to determine procedure on divesting vehicles purchased through Federal Aid CMAQ. Their answer is below:</p> <p><i>Because this is a CMAQ purchased vehicle, it should stay in the nonattainment area for the remainder of its useful life, as was its intended purpose. After that, Spring Lake has a few options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keep the vehicle, using it for a similar intended use (the federal project agreement was vague and didn't specifically state police vehicle. Federal Project 0907(049) description: Area wide-Ottawa County Replace one code compliance vehicle with a hybrid electric clean vehicle)</i></li> <li>• <i>Transfer the vehicle to the County, if they assume policing responsibilities, at "an amount calculated by applying the percentage of participation in the purchase to the fair market value of the property". Please see 49 CFR 18.32 (g) Right to Transfer Title.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sell/Dispose the vehicle to someone other than the County for the full market price value of the vehicle. FHWA and Spring Lake recuperate their pro-rata share of the selling price. Please see 49 CFR 18.32 (e)(2) Disposition.</i></li> </ul> <p>The CMAQ was an 80/20 grant. If the Village were to pursue Option 2 or 3, the 80/20 split would have to be taken into consideration.</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>(8:50 p.m.) Pavement Street Repairs (Roger Belknap)</b></p> <p>The Village of Spring Lake received an additional \$11,701.46 in the April MTF payment as a grant from a supplemental appropriations bill aimed at helping transportation departments recover from extreme winter. These funds can be applied to supplement winter maintenance labor (Major/Local Streets) or for street repairs as a result of the deep frost. In addition to the extra appropriation, the Village has a remaining balance of unspent surface maintenance of \$9,323.00 in Major and Local Streets, leaving a total of \$21,021.46 available for spot milling and repaving.</p>

Staff reviewed the street network and determined that the best use of the funds would be to spot mill and repave 10 locations throughout the Village as a means to preserve our pavements and avoid having staff return to the same problem locations to patch from week to week. We do have some streets that are in need of complete resurfacing/reconstruction, however the total amount needed to cover a project (curb to curb) would mean only a single street would receive the maintenance funding. Furthermore, staff advises to upgrade subsurface utilities whenever street reconstruction occurs to preserve water/sewer investments.

Staff obtained three proposals and are as follows:

	<u>List w/o #9</u>	<u>Item #9</u>	<u>\$/SF</u>	<u>Total</u>
Asphalt Paving Inc.	\$10,938.00	\$10,620.00	N/A	\$21,558.00
Tiles Excavating, Inc.	\$12,031.80	\$11,682.00	N/A	\$23,713.80
MPM, Inc.	\$16,986.10	N/A	\$5.90	

In light of an upcoming sanitary sewer reconstruction project that will include reconstructing W. Savidge, staff recommends dropping item #9 from the list. Staff recommends accepting the proposal from Asphalt Paving, Inc. for the remainder of the list at a cost of \$10,938.00. Staff also advises placing the remainder of supplemental appropriation (\$763.46) into Major Streets to cover overtime labor used by DPW for winter maintenance. Attachments include the MDOT press release, the list of spot patch locations and the three proposals.

**14 (9:00 p.m. ) TIGER Trail Letter of Support**

Lukas Hill is asking for a letter of support for a grant application that he is currently preparing. Pertinent information is attached.

**15 (9:05 p.m.) Communications**

- CDBG Update - Isabel's House
- Crosswinds - Spring 2014
- Darts & Flowers and Response to Council
- Day to Shine - Volunteer Check List
- Economic Development Report (Dave Miller)
- Letters from Junior Achievement Students
- Library exhibition - "*Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*"
- Tree Trimming Notice (Consumers Energy)
- Yacht Club Public Notice

**16 (9:10 p.m.) Minutes**

Minutes of the March 17, 2014 meeting are attached for review. Should you wish to make edits, please share that information with Chris Burns prior to April 18, 2014.



March 17, 2014

Mr. Joshua N. Pila  
Linmedia  
One West Exchange Street  
Suite 5A  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: Decision of Spring Lake Village Council regarding WOOD-TV's Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Appeal**

Dear Mr. Pila:

As FOIA Coordinator for the Village of Spring Lake, I was directed to notify you of the decision of the Spring Lake Village Council regarding your March 7, 2014, FOIA appeal. At its meeting on March 17, 2014, the Village Council received, considered, and acted on your appeal regarding the denial of the March 1, 2014, FOIA request from Troy Baker of WOOD-TV.

The Village Council unanimously passed a motion in relation to your appeal, which stated in relevant part:

“Motion to uphold the FOIA Coordinator’s decision to deny FOIA request of Troy Baker of WOOD-TV for a copy of the separation agreement between the Village of Spring Lake and former Police Chief Roger DeYoung.”

During the discussion relating to this motion, Village Council members believed that the Village had complied with the requirements of the FOIA and that the separation agreement executed between the Village and former police chief Roger DeYoung is exempt from disclosure. Specifically, because the requested document is a personal record of a law enforcement officer that contains information of a personal nature that has not been publically discussed or disclosed, and because the agreement was executed with an expectation of confidentiality, it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Sections 13(1)(a), 13(1)(g) and 13(1)(s) of the FOIA (MCL 15.243(1)(a),(g),(s)) (*See also, Michigan Federation of Teachers v University of Michigan*, 481 Mich 657 (2008), *Laundry v City of Dearborn*, 259 Mich App 416 (2003), *Jersevic v District Health Department No 2*, 2012 Mich App LEXIS 581).

The Village Council has therefore denied the FOIA appeal.

If you disagree with this decision, Section 10 of the FOIA, MCL 15.240, provides for judicial review in circuit court within 180 days after the public body's final determination to deny a FOIA request. If you are successful in a FOIA action, the court can award reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and disbursements.

Sincerely,

FOIA Coordinator  
Village of Spring Lake

March 7, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Spring Lake Village Council  
c/o Christine Burns  
[christine@springlakevillage.org](mailto:christine@springlakevillage.org)

RE: **APPEAL of Denial of WOOD-TV FOI Request  
DeYoung Separation Agreement**

Dear Spring Lake Village Council,

By this letter, WOOD-TV hereby appeals that certain Freedom of Information Act denial letter dated March 4, 2014 signed by Christine Burns (the "Denial Letter"). On March 1, 2014, Mr. Troy Baker of WOOD-TV requested a variety of documents about Mr. DeYoung, but this appeal concerns only the denial of Mr. Baker's request for Mr. DeYoung's separation agreement. The Denial Letter simply says "Due to a confidentiality clause in the separation agreement, that document is not enclosed."

First, the Denial Letter fails to even provide a statutory exemption for the denial. This alone makes the Denial Letter insufficient as a matter of law. WOOD-TV believes that reviewing court will quickly look beyond any attempt to claim a specific exemption applies during appeal with a high degree of suspicion.

Second, beyond the failure to even cite a statutory reason for the denial, Michigan courts have made clear that such denials "must be supported by substantial justification and explanation, not merely by conclusory assertions." *Pennington v. Washtenaw County Sheriff*, 125 Mich. App. 556 (1983). The Village's "conclusory assertion" in the Denial Letter is a perfect example of what Michigan courts have found insufficient under the Michigan FOIA statute.<sup>1</sup>

Third, Michigan courts have made clear that a settlement agreement, which represents an expenditure of public funds, is a public document subject to release under the state FOIA statute.<sup>2</sup> Indeed, the Circuit Court for the County of Ottawa recently held "how public funds are spent is not private information . . ." and the "payment of money to settle the lawsuits is, in essence, the expenditure of public funds, which is not a private fact."<sup>3</sup>

Fourth, the Michigan Supreme Court has made clear that "a public body may not contract away its obligations under the FOIA". *Order, Detroit Free Press, Inc. v. City of Detroit*, available at <http://info.detnews.com/pix/2008/pdf/supremecourtorder.pdf>. The confidentiality provision simply cannot overcome state statute.

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., *Evening News Ass'n v City of Troy*, 417 Mich. 481 (1983); *Payne v. Grand Rapids Police Chief*, 178 Mich. App. 1983 (1989).

<sup>2</sup> See *Booth Newspapers, Inc v Kalamazoo School District*, 181 Mich App 752; 450 NW2d 286 (1989); *The Herald Publishing Company, L.L.C. v. Coopersville Area Public Schools*, Case No. 09-01400-PZ, Opinion and Order, available at [http://media.mlive.com/grpress/news\\_impact/other/Opinion\\_and\\_Order.PDF](http://media.mlive.com/grpress/news_impact/other/Opinion_and_Order.PDF) ("Herald Publishing").

<sup>3</sup> *Herald Publishing*, at 6.

WOOD-TV hopes that you will see the errors of the Denial Letter and reverse that determination in response to this appeal. WOOD-TV, however, reserves all rights and arguments in this matter and reminds you that under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act statute, a governmental body may be held responsible for any costs and attorneys fees of a prevailing party in litigation over improperly withheld documents.

While we reserve all rights, we remain open to a negotiated settlement in this matter. Should you wish to discuss such a negotiated settlement, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Joshua N. Pila

CC (via electronic mail): Troy Baker

# Board and Commission Applicant

## Personal Profile

Name: NORMA R. COOK Telephone: 616-402-0343  
(LIBERTY WOODS)  
Address: 201 SELWITT LANE APT. 217 Date: 11-14-14  
Email address: NORMA.COOK65@GMAIL.COM

Years as a Village Resident: 3-1-14 Occupation: RETIRED

Background/Interests: HAVING BEEN A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER FOR 25 YEARS +  
I FEEL I HAVE A FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND BAD PLANNING AND  
HOW IT AFFECTS THE OVERALL COMMUNITY,

Please circle the board(s) or commission(s) that you would like to serve on:

Village Planning Commission

Parks And Recreation Committee

Coast Guard Festival Liaison

Village Council

Spring Lake Lake Board

Heritage Festival Committee

Historic Conservation District Comm.

North Bank Communities Fund

Zoning Board Of Appeals

Spring Lake CBDDA

Why would you like to be on the board(s) or commission(s) you have selected: (Please use reverse side if necessary)

I HAVE SERVED SEVERAL YEARS ON THE S/L TWP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
WHILE I LIVED + WORKED IN THE TWP, AND I ALSO SERVED ONE TERM ON  
THE S/L TWP BOARD. I OWNED + OPERATED BOTH COOKIE'S CORNER STORE AND  
DR. PHIL'S AUTO CLINIC FOR 25 YEARS @ THE M104 + 148<sup>th</sup> INTERSECTION WITH  
MY HUSBAND + DAUGHTERS. I'VE SEEN + EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND WHAT POOR  
PLANNING CAN DO, BY RUSHING THROUGH.

Concerns for the Village; if any:

PRESENTLY - VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE TWP, EVEN CONSIDERING IT BEING A  
GOOD NEIGHBOR WHEN IT WANTS TO REMOVE THE VILLAGE'S ONLY TAXABLE PROPERTY  
FROM THE TAX ROLLS FOR A FIRE DEPT/TWP OFFICES, IT'S POOR PLANNING WITH NO  
ROOM FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OR GROWTH, AND IS POOR TRAFFIC PATTERNS,

The Village of Spring Lake assures that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex be excluded from or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity. The Village of Spring Lake further assures every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its committee's, programs and activities, regardless of the funding source.

**From:** Michele M. Yassenak [mylakeshoretravel@att.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 19, 2014 8:59 AM  
**To:** BSipe@springlaketwp.org; Christine Burns  
**Subject:** SLHF Fireworks

Good News,

The SLHF committee has received funding for the 2014 Fireworks and I wanted to advise you. As soon as I receive the paperwork from American Fireworks, I will be sending you a copy.

Chris, when should we ask to be on the agenda for council?

Respectfully,

**Michele M. Yassenak**

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# **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

*Adopted February \_\_, 2014*

I certify that this support plan is current and is the official plan for the Village of Spring Lake, consistent with, and to be used in conjunction with the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Plan. The policies contained herein do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, sexual orientation or political beliefs.

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Christine M. Burns, Village Manager

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Jim MacLachlan, Village President

## **SUPPORT EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

### **A. PURPOSE**

The Village of Spring Lake has elected to be incorporated into the Ottawa County Emergency Management Program. By becoming part of the County Emergency Management Program, the Village of Spring Lake and Ottawa County have certain responsibilities to each other. This Support Emergency Operations Plan has been developed to identify the responsibilities of the Village of Spring Lake and Ottawa County in regard to pre-disaster emergency management activities. It also provides that the Village of Spring Lake respond to various types of emergencies or disasters that affect the community. This support plan is to be used in conjunction with the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Plan. The support plan will be maintained in accordance with standards of currentness of the Ottawa County Emergency Operations Plans. Review of this support plan shall be accomplished concurrently with the county plan.

### **B. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OVERSIGHT**

The Village Manager, as the chief executive officer of the Village reporting to the Council, is responsible for the oversight of the Spring Lake Village Emergency Management Program. The Manager may designate subordinate department heads to assist in the development and implementation of the Emergency Management Program in the event of an emergency.

### **C. MUNICIPAL/COUNTY DISASTER RESPONSE**

In the event that a disaster or a widespread emergency occurs within the boundaries of the Village of Spring Lake, the following actions shall occur:

1. The Fire Chief has been appointed as the Village Emergency Management Liaison, responsible for working with the Ottawa County Emergency Management Director on all matters pertaining to emergency management within the Village of Spring Lake.
2. The Fire Chief will assure that Village emergency response agencies, elected officials and the Ottawa County Emergency Management Director are notified of the situation.
3. Village of Spring Lake agencies will assess the nature and scope of the emergency or disaster.

4. If the situation can be handled locally, the Village of Spring Lake shall do so using the procedures detailed in this plan:
  - a. The Emergency Management Liaison advises the Village Manager and coordinates all emergency response actions.
  - b. The Village Manager, in conjunction with the Village President, declares a local state of emergency and notifies the county Emergency Management Director of this action.
  - c. Forward the local state of emergency declaration to the county Emergency Management Office.
  - d. The Emergency Management Liaison activates the Village Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is located on the main level of the Village Hall. Should the Village Hall be affected by an incident and not useable, the Ottawa County Mobile Command Unit should be requested.
  - e. Village of Spring Lake emergency response agencies respond according to procedures found in Attachments A – J.
  - f. The Village Manager directs departments/agencies to respond to the situation.
  - g. The Village Manager, in conjunction with the Village President, may issue directives as to travel restrictions on local roads and recommends protective actions, if necessary.
  - h. Notify the public of the situation and advise on the appropriate actions to take.
  - i. Inform the Ottawa County Emergency Management Director of the situation and the actions taken.
5. If Village resources become exhausted or if special resources are required, the Village Manager, in conjunction with the Emergency Management Liaison, shall request county assistance through the county Emergency Management Director as provided for in Section D.
6. If assistance is requested, the county Emergency Management Director will review the situation with the Village Manager and/or the Emergency management Liaison and make the appropriate recommendations to the county.

7. The county will do the following:
  - a. Activate the County Emergency Operations Center.
  - b. Activate the County Operations Plan.
  - c. Respond with the county resources as requested.
  - d. Activate additional mutual aid agreements as directed.
  - e. Coordinate county resources with Village resources.
  - f. Notify the Michigan State Police District Emergency Management Coordinator.
  - g. Forward Flash Report and Damage and Injury Assessment reports to Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division.
  - h. Assist the Township with prioritizing and allocating resources.
8. If county resources are exhausted, the county shall make a request to the Governor to declare a state of emergency or state of disaster in accordance with procedures set forth in Act 390 as amended. The county shall not request state assistance or a declaration of a state of disaster or a state of emergency unless requested to do so by the Village Manager or President if the situation occurs solely within the confines of the Village.
9. If state assistance is requested, the State Police Emergency Management Coordinator, in conjunction with the county Emergency Management Director and Village Emergency Management Liaison will assess the disaster or emergency situation and recommend the appropriate personnel, services, and equipment that are required for emergency prevention, mitigation or relief.
10. After completing the assessment, the District State Police Emergency management coordinator shall immediately notify the State Director of Emergency Management of the situation.
11. The State Director of Emergency management will notify the Governor and make the appropriate request for personnel, services and equipment needed for prevention, mitigation or relief.
12. If state assistance is granted, procedures will be followed as stated in the Michigan Emergency Management Plan and Ottawa County Emergency Operations Plan.

#### **D. COUNTY/MUNICIPAL RESOURCE USE**

If the Village of Spring Lake requests or receives emergency or disaster assistance from Ottawa County in accordance with this agreement,

Ottawa County will absorb the costs. If the Village of Spring Lake provides resources to Ottawa County for emergency disaster assistance in some other part of the county program area, then the Village will absorb the costs per mutual aid agreements.

## **E. ADDENDA**

Attachment A – Emergency Response Sequence Chart

Attachment B – Warning/Communications Key Actions Checklist

Attachment C – Public Information Key Actions Checklist

Attachment D – Damage Assessment Key Actions Checklist

Attachment E – Law Enforcement Key Actions Checklist

Attachment F – Fire Services Key Actions Checklist

Attachment G – Public Works Key Actions Checklist

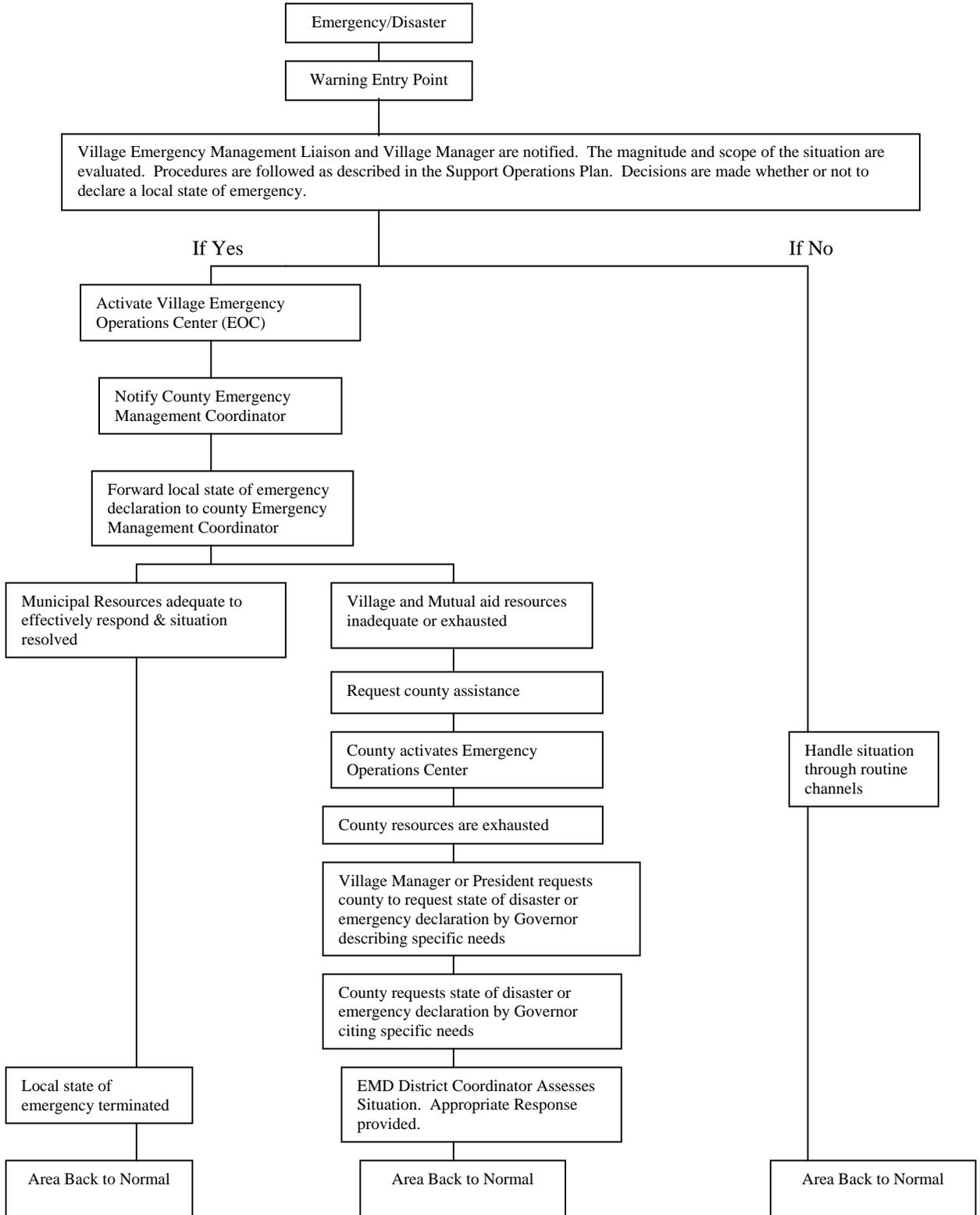
Attachment H – Health Services/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Key  
Actions Checklist

Attachment I – Human Services Key Actions Checklist

Attachment J – Financial Services Key Actions Check List

Attachment K – EOC Emergency Contact List

### Emergency Response Sequence Chart



## **Warning/Communications**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority is responsible for warning and communications activities in the Village of Spring Lake. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this agency must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Warn the following:
  - a. Spring Lake Fire Department
  - b. Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department
  - c. Ottawa County Emergency Management Director
2. If the situation is warranted, the Village Emergency Management Liaison will notify the following:
  - a. Village of Spring Lake Manager
  - b. Village of Spring Lake President
3. Establish communications with the county Emergency Operations center, if established. The communications equipment available includes video-link, e-mail, FAX machine, telephone, and direct radio communication.
4. Establish communications with the Command Post, if established.
5. Activate public warning system. This consists of the outdoor warning siren system located throughout the Village of Spring Lake.

## **Public Information**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Village President is responsible for public information activities in the Village of Spring Lake. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this department must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Function as the sole point of contact for the news media and public officials.
2. Collect information from the Village emergency response agencies located in the Village Emergency Operation Center and other locations.
3. Prepare news releases to be disseminated to the local media.
4. Conduct or arrange press tours of disaster area(s) within the Village.
5. Establish a Public Information Center at Barber School.
6. If county Emergency Operations Center is activated, coordinate public information activities with the county Public Information Officer.
7. Assist the county in establishing a Joint Public Information Center.
8. Assist the county with establishing Rumor Control Center.

## **Damage Assessment**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Assessing Department is responsible for damage assessment activities in the Village of Spring Lake. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this department must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Record initial information from first responders such as law enforcement and fire services.
2. If necessary, activate the damage assessment group, which consists of the following Village departments:
  - a. The Assessing Department – responsible for public damage assessment.
  - b. The Building Department – responsible for individual damage assessment.
3. Provide information to the Emergency Management Liaison. The Liaison will then provide assessment data to the county for preparation of a Flash Report.
4. If the situation warrants, assist the Village Manager and/or Village President with the preparation of a local state of emergency declaration and forward to the county Emergency Management Director.
5. Prepare a request for county assistance in conjunction with the Village Emergency Management Liaison.
6. Plot damage assessment information on status board in the Village Emergency Operations Center.
7. Prepare reports for the Village Public Information Officer.
8. Collect information and forward to the county so that the county can complete the Damage and Injury Assessment Form (EMD-2).

## **Law Enforcement**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department is responsible for law enforcement activities in the Village of Spring Lake. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this department must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Assist in warning the affected population.
2. Provide scene security to the affected area.
3. Perform traffic control.
4. Provide security to emergency coordination facilities, critical resources and facilities, and public shelters if requested.
5. Enforce curfew restrictions in the affected area.
6. Assist in providing emergency assistance to persons with special needs.
7. Coordinate and facilitate the removal of vehicles blocking evacuation or emergency routes and assist in other response activities.
8. Provide prisoner transport as needed.
9. Assist with search and rescue activities.
10. If the county Emergency Operations center is activated, establish and maintain contact with the law enforcement representative.

## **Fire Services**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Spring Lake Fire Department is responsible for fire service activities in the Village of Spring Lake. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this department must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Assist in the rescue of person trapped or injured in the affected area.
2. Limit the spread and extinguish any hostile fires that may occur in the affected area.
3. Assist in warning the affected population.
4. Provide fire protection for critical facilities and resources.
5. Perform search and rescue activities.
6. Assist with traffic and access control to the affected area.
7. Evacuate persons with special needs.
8. Assist with debris clearance.
9. Assist in Hazardous Materials response up to capabilities and training.
10. If the county Emergency Operations Center is activated establish and maintain contact with the Fire Service representative.

## **Public Works**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Village of Spring Lake Public Works Department and the Ottawa County Road Commission are responsible for public works activities in and around Spring Lake Village. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions these departments must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Maintain transportation routes.
2. Coordinate travel restriction/road closure within the Village.
3. Identify evacuation routes.
4. Provide emergency generators and lighting.
5. Assist with access and traffic control to the affected area.
6. Assist private utilities with the shutdown of gas and electric services as appropriate.
7. Assist with search and rescue activities by removing heavy debris.
8. Assist with the transportation of essential goods (i.e., food, medical supplies, etc.)
9. If necessary, coordinate activities designed to control the flow of floodwaters, including sandbagging, emergency diking and pumping operations.
10. Report damage information to the Damage Assessment Group.
11. As necessary, establish a Public Works staging area.
12. If necessary assist with damage surveys for the federal public assistance grant program.
13. If the county Emergency Operations Center is activated, establish and maintain contact with the public works representative.

## **Health Service/Emergency Medical Services**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Village Emergency Management Liaison will appoint a person with Emergency Medical background from the Fire Department to serve as the Health Services and Emergency Medical Services Liaison and is responsible for health and emergency medical services in the Village of Spring Lake. He will coordinate health services activity with a representative from the Ottawa County Public Health Department and the Ottawa Medical Control Board Authority representative. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this person must consider in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Coordinate emergency medical care to victims.
2. Coordinate medical transportation for victims.
3. Establish a staging area for ambulances in/near the affected area.
4. Assist with decontamination.
5. Assist in evacuation of nursing homes, special needs homes, etc.
6. Assist with animal and pet control along with Ottawa County Sheriff Department Animal Control Officers.
7. Identify a facility to be used as a temporary morgue, if necessary.

## **Human Services**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Family Independence Agency has been designated in the county Emergency Operations Plan to be the agency responsible for human services activities. Although there is not a Village department with similar activities, it is important that the human services activities are completed by American Red Cross in conjunction with organizations such as the North Ottawa Council on Aging, Canteen 450 Norton Shores, Salvation Army of Grand Haven and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The following tasks represent a checklist of activities that must be considered in an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Coordinate activities of agencies that provide human services to the public.
2. Coordinate the provision of transportation for evacuation as needed.
3. Open and manage shelters in the Village.
4. Provide for a canteen service to feed emergency workers in the Village, as necessary.
5. Coordinate food and clothing to emergency workers and victims of disaster located in shelters in the Village.
6. Assist the county in establishing Rumor Control.
7. Coordinate the provision of crises counseling for emergency workers and the victims of disaster through the services of such groups as the Ottawa County Sheriff Department Victim Advocates and critical incident stress teams.

## **Financial Services**

### **Key Actions Checklist**

The Village Clerk/Treasurer will serve as the Financial Services official in the Village of Spring Lake. The following tasks represent a checklist of actions this department will follow in the event of an emergency or disaster situation.

1. Record all expenditures for Village personnel, equipment, supplies, services, etc., and track resources being used.
2. Maintain accurate records of hours worked by personnel.
3. Arrange for the payment if services provided by private contractors as requested by the Public Works Liaison.
4. Maintain records of goods, services and equipment that can be recovered via Spiller Pay Ordinance, State resources and FEMA.
5. Coordinate any workman's compensation or other insurance needs.
6. Collect financial information and forward to the county.

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Steven R. Patrick, City Manager • Rodney C. Lloyd, Mayor

April 9, 2014

Village President Jim MacLachlan & Council Members  
Spring Lake Village Hall  
102 W. Savidge Street  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Dear Mr. MacLachlan & Council Members:

As you are probably aware the City of Coopersville has contracted with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) since 1996 for its policing services. Since that time the City has been extremely pleased with the relationship. The goal of providing an enhanced level of community policing at a reduced cost was achieved and continues to this day.

When I was asked to write this memorandum I reviewed the files and one of the prime concerns in 1996 was that the City was going to lose its identity if it partnered with Ottawa County. My experience in the last 13 years is just the opposite. The deputies are on a first name basis with local business owners, residents, and all City staff. The cruisers are identified with "Coopersville City" on the side. Sgt. Luce and I meet every day to discuss relevant issues of the day and any concerns that he or I have that need addressing. Sgt. Luce reports to the City Manager. He and the deputies may be employed by the OCSO but they are paid by the City of Coopersville and the department is a part of the City.

In discussing the budget side of the relationship, the City has saved significant money over the years. Financial projections made in the 1990s had law enforcement expenditures approaching over 50 percent of the General Fund in just a few years. Currently, total City expenditures to the OCSO including miscellaneous expenditures such as maintenance, communication, and the like totals 23 percent of the General Fund. The City has access to surveillance vans, drug dogs, detectives, and more for no additional cost.

Another added benefit is that the Coopersville's branch is used by deputies of the OCSO servicing surrounding townships. They visit the office to write or file reports and other related functions. They also visit the City to eat and fuel their cruisers. The increase in OSCO traffic in the city results in a higher profile of law enforcement which is noticed by residents and business owners alike.

I've been asked over the years what problems has the City had with the OCSO and why do you continue to contract with them? The answer is quite simple. The City and the OCSO have decided this relationship will work. If a certain deputy doesn't fit the community policing style the City wants, they are replaced. When a sergeant retires and a search begins for a new sergeant, the City Manager is on the interview team. Sheriff Gary Rosema shares the same desire for a successful partnership and has demonstrated the commitment to continue this special relationship.

Every community is unique, so I wish you and the Village Council well in your evaluation process. Please feel free to contact me if you so desire for further information or clarification. Have a great day.

Sincerely,

THE CITY OF COOPERSVILLE

Steven R. Patrick  
City Manager

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# VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE

April 3, 2014

Christine Burns, Village Manager  
Village of Spring Lake  
102 W. Savidge Street  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Dear Chris:

I wanted to share with you our experience in the Village of Middleville concerning our contract with the Barry County Sheriff's Office for police services. It has been an extremely positive relationship since its beginning in 1999.

Middleville had its own police department prior to 1999. It was a small department with a Chief and three officers. As a small department, the Village would have very inexperienced officers on the force, who usually left within a few years to move to larger departments. This turnover did not allow relationships to be established. In 1999, the Village Council felt it was time to explore other opportunities; for cost savings, the end of grant funds for one officer and the pending retirement of the Police Chief. The Village President had heard how successful the contract in Coopersville was with the Ottawa County Sheriff Department and wondered if it could work in Middleville.

The Council held a public hearing in May 1999 and formed an ad hoc committee to explore a contract with the Barry County Sheriff's Office. In September 1999, the Council approved the proposed contract with the Sheriff's Office, contingent upon approval of the Barry County Board of Commissioners. The Police Chief retired on September 30, 1999. The contract with the Sheriff's Office was executed on December 6, 1999. The contract assumed the current Middleville Officers would be hired by the Sheriff's Office. However, one officer went to a neighboring department, one left the field, and one went to the Sheriff's Office. For the months of October and November, the Sheriff's Office agreed to send a Sergeant to Middleville to oversee police operations until the contract went into effect. That Sergeant stayed and two deputies came to Middleville in December. The Sergeant is still with the Village today.

From the officer point of view, the most helpful aspect of the contractual relationship in the Village has been establishing community relations between the police department and village residents. They can implement community policing models and interact "with" residents and not "against." Many more face-to-face interactions take place rather than increased number of enforcement activities. The contract between the Village and the Sheriff's Office includes an

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attachment outlining Community Policing Duties. The Council wanted to be sure the Village kept its community focus using Sheriff's deputies.

Crime statistics have remained stable, if not slightly decreased. This is due to the constant officer-initiated contacts with community residents.

In regards to the cost savings, in 1998 the Village budget for the police department was \$261,024. Year one of the contract with the Sheriff's Office was \$175,376 and Year two was \$174,095 with a reduction in uniforms & equipment but an increase in salary and benefits per the officer collective bargaining agreement. For 2014, the budget for police services is \$287,306.

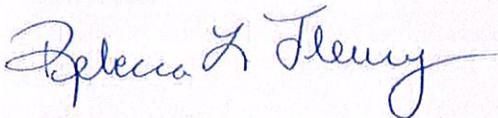
The police station is attached to Village Hall. The Village owns the police vehicles but the Sheriff's Office supplies the records management systems, in-car computers and cameras, and all office equipment in the police station in Middleville. There is an electronic key system to the police station so any Barry County Sheriff's Deputy can use the Middleville Office for report writing, interviewing and evidence storage.

The Village has Police Officer's on duty Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3 pm and 3pm to 3am. On Saturday and Sunday the Officer's hours are 3pm to 3am. For those times, that Officer's are not on duty in the Village, the general county car of the Barry County Sheriff's Office covers the Village as needed.

I have been Village Manager since 2011 and can say that the relationship between the Village and Sheriff's Office is positive and beneficial. Residents come to the Council meetings to say how appreciative they are of the service provided by the Middleville Unit of the Barry County Sheriff's Office. They know the officers by name and feel comfortable approaching any of them as well as feel safe with their protection. Our community survey results showed strong support for the Middleville Officers as well.

I have provided a copy of our contract with the Sheriff's Office for your information. If I can answer any questions or if you or your Council would like to visit Middleville, just let me know. I am happy to make the necessary arrangements.

Sincerely,



Rebecca L. Fleury  
Village Manager/Finance Director

Encl.

April 2, 2014

TO: Ms. Chris Burns, Spring lake Village Manager  
Mr. Jim Mac Lachlan, President  
Members of the Spring Lake Village Council  
Mr. Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg City Manager  
Hon. Dan Ruiter, Mayor  
Members of the Ferrysburg City Council

RE: Police Services

I would like to offer the following comments regarding the current proposals to change Ferrysburg/Spring Lake police services:

Our officers are professional, competent and they know our communities. Our department has an overall solvability rate of 86 percent. Crime has gone down. Our communities are safe.

Professionalism:

A few years ago my granddaughter and a few of her friends who were graduating from Jenison High School walked the two blocks from her home to Hager Park. It was after 10 p.m. and the park was closed. The students were sitting on the swings when two Ottawa County Deputies approached shining flashlights in the kids faces and demanding that they, "Turn over the weed." The deputies further insisted that the kids had "weed." They were rude and accusatory. The crime being committed was sitting on the swings after 10 p.m. They are all great kids, some of whom had spent a month of their previous summer vacation working in an orphanage in Ghana living on noodles & rice and using a bucket for a latrine.

Contrast the above with the Ferrysburg/Spring Lake officer I observed on Smith's Bridge a few summers ago approaching a sopping wet young man by the railing asking, "Say young man, you wouldn't be thinking about jumping off this bridge, would you?" With water dripping from his hair, swim suit & fingertips, the young man replied, "Oh NO sir, not me....." Obviously, I didn't hear the entire chastisement, but I'm absolutely confident it was kind but direct and professional.

The differing approaches of these officers can pretty much tell us which young people will have a respect for authority and which may be akin to the nice looking young man I observed on the corner of Pearl & Monroe in Grand Rapids two weeks ago holding up a big sign reading "The Criminals are Wearing the Badges."

My point to you as community leaders is that there is MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN MONEY.

Re: Police Dept., 04/2/14, Pg. 2

The following headlines are worthy of consideration:

- 1) Ottawa County Deputy Resigns over Dog Death
- 2) Ex-Jailer Sentenced in Sex Case
- 3) Grand Haven Officer Arrested on Sex Charge
- 4) Ottawa County Deputy Pleads Guilty to Shooting GVSU Student
- 5) Grand Haven Officer Flahive Killed as Vehicle Entered City

It is certainly not my objective to cast aspersions on city or county officers. It can happen in any department; however, the larger the department, the more likely the occurrence will become. Hindsight is 20/20; it is also an invaluable tool for future planning. Bigger isn't better; it's just cheaper.

While several of the above are rather old news, they should still be relevant to the current discussion; i.e.;

Page 18 of Chief De Young's 2013 Annual Report addresses Training:  
"Officer safety and training are integral components of the police department, since an ill-trained department may reduce the competency level of the department and thereby threatens public safety; training is essential..... "

Items 4 and 5 above speak clearly to the Chief's caution of officer and public safety.

Our Chief had faltered. Considering that these officers deal with the "worst of the worst" on a daily basis, who among us could withstand having to prosecute the likes of the man at Trapper's Cove who dropped the infant into scalding water a few years ago.

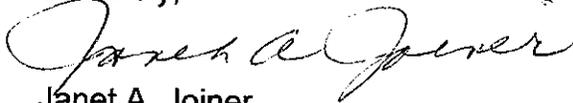
Ms. Burns is to be commended for her desire to protect taxpayers' dollars. However, I pray that it won't be at the expense of public safety and urge leaders to look for other solutions to our current fiscal problem. Grand Haven's department has a reported 1.9 million dollar underfunding of its retirement program. I wonder just how accurate that number is. Has it been verified by independent accounting? In spite of annual audits, Ferrysburg accountants failed to point out the financial shortfall in the water department a few years ago.

We raised water rates to fix it; Public Safety should, at the least, be given the same consideration.

RE: Police Dept., 04/02/14, Pg. 3

In conclusion, I think it is unfair to these dedicated officers to go through this "replay" of "Who's team will we be on?" every few years. I hope our leaders will keep our current Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department intact, find a means of addressing the retirement shortfall and provide these officers with the long-term contract they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet A. Joiner".

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Thursday, February 12, 2004  
By Keith Essenburg  
The Grand Rapids Press

OTTAWA COUNTY -- An Ottawa County sheriff's deputy resigned Wednesday after officials in a neighboring county issued a warrant for his arrest for allegedly killing his neighbor's dog. Deputy Henry Mark Vermeer, 43, who lives in Ravenna, allegedly trapped a neighbor's Chinese Sharpei in a snare on his property last month, then shot the animal and disposed of the dog. Muskegon County Prosecutor Tony Tague said a warrant was issued Wednesday charging Vermeer, who worked as a tracking dog handler for the sheriff's department, with one count of killing a licensed dog. The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail.

full story:

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but because of those who look on and do nothing.",  
Albert Einstein

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# Ex-jailer sentenced in sex case

Former Ottawa County Jail officer Jonathan Lawton Kermeen was sentenced Monday to up to 15 years in prison for engaging in sexual relationships with two female inmates.

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The Middleville man's voice shook with tears as he apologized to his family and asked for forgiveness.

Kermeen, 39, also apologized to the women involved in the incident and to the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department "for disappointing them and violating their trust."

Kermeen was sentenced Monday in Ottawa County Circuit Court to 5-15 years in prison on two separate second-degree criminal sexual conduct charges.

"We support the determination made by the court," Undersheriff Gary Steigenga said. "We can in no way support the behavior that was exhibited by this particular corrections officer. We're held to a higher standard."

The sheriff's office conducted an investigation after allegations of misconduct were brought forward on Oct. 29, 2013. The next day, Kermeen's nine-year employment was suspended while the investigation was conducted. He was later terminated from the department.

Kermeen had been lodged at the Kent County Jail on a \$3,500 bond, but bond was denied after he entered a guilty plea to the charges on Feb. 4.

Kermeen's attorney, Robert Hamilton, said he disagreed with the severity of the sentence.

"I thought the guidelines should have been scored at 29-52 months," Hamilton said. "He should have been sentenced at the low end, two and a half to three years."

To read more of this story, see today's print or e-edition of the Grand Haven Tribune.



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HAHA tables turned you punk "co" Have fun. LOCKDOWN ! Lol too bad your scumbag lawyer wasn't the judge. HA

### zwesterhouse

WED, 03/12/2014 - 7:30AM

Well now he gets to sit in his own "hotel" The Big House. From "Dyskra's Hotel" then RoseMary's Hotel now the "Big House"

### dhbreezy1234

WED, 03/12/2014 - 11:23AM

He better hope that he can change that "look". Kinda stands out, a lol!!

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Dedicated to insuring that the voices of Officer Involved Domestic Violence victims and survivors are heard. [Renee' Harrington]

Thursday, September 3, 2009

## Officer Thomas Carey - Grand Haven PD



Officer Thomas Carey mugshot. Carey was arrested September 03, 2009 on charges of gross indecency between a male and female, a five-year felony or \$2,500 fine; and misconduct in office, a five-year felony and/or \$10,000 fine. It would later be disclosed that Officer Carey had taken sexual advantage of at least two vulnerable females...one which was a three year sexual "relationship".



According to one of Thomas Carey's victims: "She felt obligated, she told police, to give him what he wanted: Oral sex -- up to a dozen times during the course of 14 months, almost always while he was in uniform and with a gun on his belt...Each incident "was pretty much the same," lasting 15 to 20 minutes, and "when he was done, he would leave," the woman told police. He never used force or threatened her, she said...He called her "his girl," and told her, "You want it, don't you?" she told police. "



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# Ottawa County Deputy Ryan Huizenga pleads guilty to shooting GVSU student during drug raid; sheriff to decide his job status within two weeks

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The Grand Rapids Press Ottawa County Deputy Ryan Huizenga's pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge -- reckless discharge of a firearm

HOLLAND -- After admitting in court Wednesday to a "lack of due caution" when his gun fired and injured Grand Valley State University student Derek Copp, Ottawa County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Huizenga now must wait to see if he keeps his job.

Friends of the 12-year deputy are solidly behind him.

"He is the kind of officer we want to have on the force," said Huizenga's longtime friend Rob Everse. "It would be a travesty to lose him."

Huizenga's plea to a reduced misdemeanor charge -- reckless discharge of a firearm -- leaves his career in the hands of Ottawa County Sheriff Gary Rosema. The original charge against Huizenga, a two-year high court misdemeanor, would have forced revocation of his state certification and cost him his job.

Huizenga, 37, pleaded Wednesday before Holland District Judge Brad Knoll, but said little else.

The judge called Huizenga an "outstanding member of the community," sentenced him to six months of probation, 80 hours of community service and a \$400 fine. Huizenga quickly left the courtroom and did not return calls seeking comment.

Sheriff's officials say a decision on Huizenga's job status or any discipline should come within two weeks. An internal review of the shooting is nearly complete, but will involve an upcoming meeting between Huizenga, the sheriff and Undersheriff Greg Steigenga.

"We've allowed him to work on administrative desk duty to allow for due process in the courts," Steigenga said. "Now that he's had due process, we'll make a formal decision as soon as possible."

Huizenga was part of a West Michigan Enforcement Team drug unit that raided Copp's off-campus apartment on March 11. Huizenga's gun fired as he entered through a back slider door and Copp, 20, raised his hands when someone shined a flashlight in his eyes. (Download PDF of police report on shooting (http://blog.mlive.com/gpress/news\_impact/2009/07/shooting-report.pdf))

A state police investigation determined Huizenga should have had his finger outside the gun's trigger guard, not on the trigger because Copp posed no threat.

The judge said Wednesday that Huizenga is not the only one to blame for the shooting.

"Frankly, there is a degree of blame that could be spread around here," Knoll said.

He noted Copp's decision to sell marijuana and ignore drug laws, but also the practice of conducting nighttime drug raids. Knoll said the case offers "some cause to consider the advisability of nighttime drug raids" and said judges bear some responsibility as well when approving search warrants.

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**Officer**  
**Scott Anthony Flahive**  
Grand Haven Department of Public Safety,  
Michigan  
End of Watch: Tuesday, December 13, 1994

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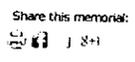
**Age:** 28  
**Tour:** 4 years  
**Badge #** Not available  
**Cause:** Gunfire  
**Incident Date:** 12/13/1994  
**Weapon:** Rifle; .30-.06  
**Suspect:** Sentenced to life

Officer Scott Flahive was shot and killed after he had stopped a vehicle which was just chased into the city limits and contained two recently escaped criminals. As Officer Flahive approached the car one of the suspects was laying in the back seat and shot through the door with a 30-06 rifle, striking him and killing him instantly.

The suspects turned themselves in and the shooter was sentenced to multiple life sentences. The accomplices were sentenced to 10 and 15 years.

Officer Flahive had been with the agency for four years and was survived by his parents and sister.

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Muskegon PD  
December 13, 2013

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## **TRAINING SUMMARY**

Officer safety and training are integral components of the police department, since an ill-trained department may reduce the competency level of the department and thereby threatens public safety, training is essential. The department's training program comprises of core, update, and specialized training.

The Police Department has been utilizing the West Michigan Training Consortium for most of our training courses. This concept proves to be a big savings for the department because the training is held locally and departments do not have added lodging and food cost.

The department's goal is to have officers trained within this department as instructors in order to provide in service trainings which are proven to be most cost effective way to train.



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ms. Christine Burns, Village of Spring Lake Manager **VIA E-MAIL ONLY**  
**FROM:** Ronald A. Bultje  
**DATE:** April 10, 2014  
**RE:** Revised Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual

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Chris:

Per your request, I have revised the attached proposed Village of Spring Lake Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (the "Manual").

The attached draft of the Manual has a draft date of April 10, 2014.

For convenience purposes, I am attaching a clean copy, as well as a redline copy showing the changes made from the prior November 27, 2013 draft.

The changes made to the attached draft of the Manual have been made pursuant to your directions, as set forth in your e-mail of April 2, 2014, and your e-mail of December 17, 2013.

In Section 4.2, I eliminated the reference to Department of Public Services, and instead inserted Department of Public Works.

I eliminated what was Section 4.6, concerning pay advances.

In Section 6.1, under "Health and Prescription Insurance," I indicated the Village would pay its share of the applicable premiums.

I have added Section 6.2, concerning group health and dental insurance participation waiver, using the language from the collective bargaining agreement covering police officers.

I eliminated what was Section 6.5, concerning the educational assistance program.

In Section 6.6, I have revised the language concerning uniform payments.

In Section 6.8.E, I eliminated the reference to personal telephone calls to home.

Ms. Christine Burns  
April 10, 2014  
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In Section 6.14, I have revised the sick leave language. Specifically, I have reinserted the ability to accumulate sick leave up to 700 hours, given that the Village will not be providing short term disability at the current time. I also eliminated the reference to an employee's estate being paid for accumulated and unused sick leave upon the employee's death. I will discuss that further later in this Memorandum.

In Section 8.10, concerning use of Village vehicles, I have indicated that only the Village Manager and such other officials as are authorized by the Village Council will have unrestricted use of an assigned Village vehicle.

Again in Section 8.11, I eliminated the reference to Department of Public Services and inserted Department of Public Works.

In Section 8.17, I eliminated the reference to 15¢ and instead indicated that the cost for faxing, scanning, or copying shall be an amount established by the Village Council.

I have completely restated Section 12.1. Previously, that Section described how the Village would repurchase sick leave benefits from eligible employees upon their retirement. Certainly, it is not unheard of for employers to pay retiring employees for their accumulated and unused sick leave. However, that is likewise certainly not a universal practice. Further, given that the Village will allow employees to accumulate sick leave benefits in effect as an insurance policy since the employees are not covered by short term disability, it would make sense for the Village to take the position that employees who do not need to use their accumulated sick leave benefits will not be paid for their benefits upon their retirement or other termination of employment, including death. In other words, like insurance protection, if the benefit is not needed, it is not provided.

After you have had an opportunity to review the above and the attached, please advise if you have questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

**SCHOLTEN FANT**



Ronald A. Bultje

RAB/skc  
Attachment  
cc: Mary@springlakevillage.org (w/attachments; via e-mail)  
Robert E. Sullivan, Scholten Fant (w/attachments; via e-mail)  
SLV 1071 Ltr 04102014 Burns re Personnel Policies

**From:** Tom Manderscheid  
[TManderscheid@grandhaven.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2014 9:12 AM  
**To:** Bill Cargo (bcargo@ght.org); Patrick McGinnis;  
Christine Burns  
**Cc:** Craig Bessinger (cbessinger@ferrysburg.org)  
**Subject:** FW: HTMMTS Appointed Board Members

Managers,

HTMMTS was fully recognized as a PA 196 and began doing business effective January 1, 2012. In the Articles of Incorporation, Article VIII (4) it states the following: "The term of the appointed managers from each of the participating political subdivisions shall be for a term that runs concurrent with the time period for which they hold their office. **The term of each other appointed Board member shall be for a term of three (3) years.**" ( Joanne M, Dave B, Bob M and Pete L.)

Our first HTMMTS Board meeting for the election of officers took place on July 29, 2011. Our annual meeting with the election of officers takes place on May 28, 2014. Should, at this time, the re-appointment take place since someone maybe elected an officer of the Board or wait until our July 23, 2014 to re-appoint? I believe that each governmental unit would make the decision to reappoint or change representation on the HTMMTS Board.

Your thoughts?

# PAST RECIPIENTS

	City of Ferrysburg	City of Grand Haven	G. H. Charter Township	Spring Lake Township	Village of Spring Lake
2012	Basketball Basics	D. Baker & Son Lumber Co.	Crossroads Blueberry Farm	Falcon Corporation	Village Baker
2011	AAC Credit Union	Biosolutions LLC	Haven Manufacturing, LLC	Spring Lake Country Club	Seven Steps Up
2010	Ferrysburg Wash Center	Brilliance Audio	Reenders Blueberry Farms	Interior Concepts	Mill Point Station
2009	Michigan Pizza Hut	Sweet Temptations	Generation Care	Almond Products	Garrison Dental Solutions
2008	Water Colors Early Childhood Center	Grand Landing, LLC	Wal-Mart Store 5386	Pliant Plastics, Inc.	Carlson Wagonlit Travel
2007	Trillium Banquet Center	Scholten Fant	Macatawa Bank	VanderWall Bros. Concrete	Two Tony's Taverna Grille
2006	de Stoel Upholstery	NetShape International	Grand Haven 9	Alcoa Mich. Casting Ctr.	Village Hardware
2005	Leppink's Food Center	Commercial Contractors	Yogi Bear Jellystone Park	Schap Specialty Machines	Five Ten Properties
2004	Ind. Metal Identification	Redeker Ford	Grand Haven Golf Club	Herman Miller, Inc.	Spring Lake Antique Mall
2003	5/3 Bank Ferrysburg	Great Harvest Bread Co.	Bekins Auto Service	B R Metal Products	Peel Brothers, LLC
2002	CITGO/Exxon Mobil Term.	North Shore Marina	Loftis Machine Company	Grand River Polishing Co.	Avalon Floral LLC
2001	Automotive Advantage	Fredricks Design, Inc.	Anderson Technologies Inc.	Oak Crest Manors	Holiday Inn
2000	McKellips & Sons	Grand Haven Plastics	Meijer, Inc.	West Michigan Auto Body	Harbor Steel
1999	Verplank Trucking Co.	Automatic Spring Products	Seaver Industrial Finishing	Sintel, Inc.	HF Hospital for Animals
1998	Keenan Marina	JSJ Corporation	Light Corporation	Counter Point Furniture	Old Boy's Brewhouse, Inc.

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1996	Pine Street Cafe	The Coffee Grounds	Transfer Tool Systems, Inc.	Keur Industries, Inc.	Idle Hour Restaurant
1995	Tri-City Oil Company	Tri-Cities Family YMCA	Comm. Machining & Assy.	Michigan Brass Division	Fireside Design, Inc.
1994	Advanced Signs, Inc.	Donnelly Corporation	R & P Properties, Inc.	Carroll Bos, Developer	WESCO-Spring Lake
1993	Leppink's Town Center	Finish Company	Gaard, Inc.	Vic's Restaurant & Lounge	FMB Bank (of Spring Lake)
1992	Portenga Manufacturing	Meijer, Inc.	Follen Tool Company	Lakeshore Diversified Prod.	NBD Bank (of Spring Lake)
1991	David C. Bos Const.	Stanco Metal Products	Harbor Industries	Supreme Machined Prod.	Graflex, Inc.
1990	Westwind Construction	Andros, Inc.	Peter Nagel Multi-Spindle	Interior Specialists	Holiday Inn
1989	Construction Aggregates	Eagle Ottawa Leather Co.	Weyburn Bartel, Inc.	Integrated Metal Tech.	Miller Smith Manuf.
1988	Johnston Boiler Co.	G.H. Stamped Products	Harbor Industries	Kysor Medallion	Barrett Boat Works
1987	North Shore Machine Works	Contour Roll Company & Shape Corporation	H & H Enterprises	Meridian, Inc.	Elastodyne

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## Counties, cities, villages receive almost \$61 million to pay for winter road maintenance costs

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Agency: Transportation

**April 3, 2014** -- Counties, cities and villages today received a combined \$60.9 million to help restore road maintenance budgets that were depleted by Michigan's tough winter.

The \$60.9 million is part of \$100 million for special winter road maintenance provided in a supplemental appropriations bill enacted by the Michigan Legislature and signed into law March 14 by Gov. Rick Snyder.

"These funds are badly needed by counties, cities and villages to compensate for the extraordinarily high costs of plowing, salting and filling potholes this past winter," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "We are all extremely appreciative of the governor's and Legislature's understanding of the toll this brutal winter has taken on road budgets."

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) allocated the one-time appropriation of \$100 million according to the Public Act 51 of 1951 road funding formula, meaning MDOT received \$39.1 million, counties \$39.1 million, and cities and villages \$21.8 million.

The Act 51 formula is complex. How much a county, city or village receives in funding through Act 51 depends on several factors, including road mileage and population. Counties, cities and villages receiving portions of the \$60.9 million must use the money for winter maintenance costs, and not for things such as administration, overhead or other indirect costs.

To see how much money a particular county, city or village received, follow this link: <http://1.usa.gov/1ksHp8q> (<http://1.usa.gov/1ksHp8q>).

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Distribution of \$100 Million Supplemental under Senate Bill 609 (S-3)

County Name	Distribution Amount
Alcona	153,476.15
Alger	131,876.96
Allegan	537,450.92
Alpena	198,774.52
Antrim	214,953.63
Arenac	151,308.03
Baraga	128,579.20
Barry	296,856.46
Bay	488,565.76
Benzie	162,222.35
Berrien	666,967.34
Branch	262,050.86
Calhoun	517,020.90
Cass	287,933.77
Charlevoix	194,941.86
Cheboygan	234,529.42
Chippewa	295,098.39
Clare	232,587.10
Clinton	389,753.18
Crawford	153,488.62
Delta	243,232.58
Dickinson	179,691.70
Eaton	493,908.30
Emmet	235,590.85
Genesee	1,345,161.25
Gladwin	198,037.22
Gogebic	156,225.69
Grand Traverse	448,669.55
Gratiot	269,531.19
Hillsdale	275,915.60
Houghton	256,829.05
Huron	311,788.56
Ingham	795,788.27
Ionia	294,757.37
Iosco	222,036.05
Iron	140,784.17
Isabella	325,994.49
Jackson	668,811.45
Kalamazoo	838,353.32
Kalkaska	205,287.45
Kent	1,887,284.21
Keweenaw	75,800.20
Lake	172,884.22
Lapeer	432,616.26

Leelanau	179,765.60
Lenawee	446,817.38
Livingston	792,221.53
Luce	108,820.21
Mackinac	144,430.57
Macomb	2,435,600.44
Manistee	231,571.31
Marquette	362,872.37
Mason	235,062.04
Mecosta	254,391.92
Menominee	214,408.66
Midland	359,665.28
Missaukee	184,008.42
Monroe	664,992.85
Montcalm	351,972.83
Montmorency	138,350.47
Muskegon	588,239.33
Newaygo	340,744.84
Oakland	3,861,456.65
Oceana	241,436.29
Ogemaw	188,843.39
Ontonagon	151,163.30
Osceola	217,959.22
Oscoda	141,796.71
Otsego	233,059.88
Ottawa	1,077,088.76
Presque Isle	167,004.04
Roscommon	236,684.09
Saginaw	805,768.68
Sanilac	336,045.14
Schoolcraft	118,259.83
Shiawassee	331,612.50
St. Clair	668,682.52
St. Joseph	295,984.01
Tuscola	351,511.80
Van Buren	377,722.52
Washtenaw	1,091,502.29
Wayne	3,740,802.50
Wexford	258,265.39
TOTAL:	<hr/> 39,100,000.00

Distribution of \$100 Million Supplemental under Senate Bill 609 (S-3)

City/Village Name	Distribution Amount
Addison	\$3,368.11
Adrian	\$81,945.08
Ahmeek	\$1,000.51
Akron	\$2,421.02
Alanson	\$3,912.29
Albion	\$37,411.20
Algonac	\$16,132.18
Allegan	\$22,723.74
Allen	\$662.75
Allen Park	\$107,845.05
Alma	\$39,013.08
Almont	\$9,874.62
Alpena	\$50,255.16
Alpha	\$1,924.16
Ann Arbor	\$461,171.49
Applegate	\$2,065.39
Armada	\$6,525.86
Ashley	\$3,207.00
Athens	\$4,794.75
Au Gres	\$5,036.90
Auburn	\$8,987.43
Auburn Hills	\$85,255.96
Augusta	\$4,546.21
Bad Axe	\$13,457.31
Baldwin	\$6,917.90
Bancroft	\$3,273.55
Bangor	\$9,560.05
Baraga	\$9,091.54
Baroda	\$3,879.84
Barryton	\$1,756.91
Barton Hills	\$748.12
Battle Creek	\$301,288.60
Bay City	\$163,744.30
Bear Lake	\$1,600.16
Beaverton	\$5,108.44
Belding	\$27,270.83
Bellaire	\$5,230.86
Belleville	\$13,413.12
Bellevue	\$5,928.32
Benton Harbor	\$45,048.40
Benzonia	\$3,459.48
Berkley	\$53,685.52
Berrien Springs	\$7,662.48
Bessemer	\$17,491.26

Beulah	\$3,686.84
Beverly Hills	\$39,846.96
Big Rapids	\$40,261.96
Bingham Farms	\$4,046.88
Birch Run	\$7,229.02
Birmingham	\$76,023.35
Blissfield	\$14,276.90
Bloomfield Hills	\$18,817.74
Bloomington	\$3,093.51
Boyer City	\$24,022.36
Boyer Falls	\$2,364.40
Breckenridge	\$6,663.55
Breedsville	\$2,086.46
Bridgman	\$10,560.08
Brighton	\$28,472.43
Britton	\$2,514.18
Bronson	\$10,674.34
Brooklyn	\$5,834.27
Brown City	\$5,947.18
Buchanan	\$20,872.02
Buckley	\$4,211.52
Burlington	\$1,345.99
Burr Oak	\$4,523.18
Burton	\$152,377.40
Byron	\$3,040.97
Cadillac	\$47,865.75
Caledonia	\$6,111.77
Calumet	\$7,030.00
Camden	\$2,666.54
Capac	\$7,476.35
Carleton	\$7,676.26
Carney	\$1,926.48
Caro	\$17,704.57
Carson City	\$5,958.83
Carsonville	\$2,836.35
Caseville	\$4,316.86
Casnovia	\$2,239.58
Caspian	\$8,024.19
Cass City	\$11,777.35
Cassopolis	\$8,344.42
Cedar Springs	\$13,344.87
Cement City	\$2,879.24
Center Line	\$27,834.54
Central Lake	\$4,913.97
Centreville	\$6,245.81
Charlevoix	\$15,410.13
Charlotte	\$34,217.68

Chatham	\$2,589.59
Cheboygan	\$26,615.31
Chelsea	\$19,609.53
Chesaning	\$11,760.67
Clare	\$14,164.31
Clarkston	\$3,347.77
Clarksville	\$2,191.78
Clawson	\$40,796.57
Clayton	\$2,246.43
Clifford	\$2,833.08
Climax	\$3,610.59
Clinton	\$8,966.96
Clio	\$9,870.58
Coldwater	\$49,213.39
Coleman	\$7,005.75
Coloma	\$7,311.64
Colon	\$6,038.81
Columbiaville	\$4,094.39
Concord	\$5,787.36
Constantine	\$9,939.37
Coopersville	\$17,732.88
Copemish	\$2,312.99
Copper City	\$1,135.88
Corunna	\$14,841.35
Croswell	\$12,246.55
Crystal Falls	\$11,231.91
Custer	\$2,308.01
Daggett	\$2,467.86
Dansville	\$2,398.34
Davison	\$18,661.41
DeWitt	\$17,592.65
Dearborn	\$399,382.24
Dearborn Heights	\$206,083.84
Decatur	\$8,817.81
Deckerville	\$5,172.94
Deerfield	\$4,395.82
Detour	\$4,325.70
Detroit	\$3,298,154.38
Dexter	\$15,571.93
Dimondale	\$5,151.86
Douglas	\$8,238.62
Dowagiac	\$27,162.67
Dryden	\$4,080.78
Dundee	\$17,883.91
Durand	\$13,949.68
Eagle	\$800.72
East Grand Rapids	\$49,586.67

East Jordan	\$12,568.24
East Lansing	\$167,343.76
East Tawas	\$16,610.34
Eastlake	\$3,572.43
Eastpointe	\$114,910.19
Eaton Rapids	\$22,099.54
Eau Claire	\$3,284.30
Ecorse	\$33,682.87
Edmore	\$6,243.54
Edwardsburg	\$4,981.55
Elberta	\$3,658.02
Elk Rapids	\$11,472.07
Elkton	\$3,629.93
Ellsworth	\$3,695.97
Elsie	\$4,792.24
Emmett	\$2,221.48
Empire	\$2,748.60
Escanaba	\$58,809.31
Essexville	\$14,450.61
Estral Beach	\$2,938.52
Ewart	\$10,449.60
Fairgrove	\$2,636.08
Farmington	\$35,066.18
Farmington Hills	\$329,548.55
Farwell	\$5,379.46
Fennville	\$5,789.51
Fenton	\$50,865.44
Ferndale	\$72,394.08
Ferrysburg	\$14,227.56
Fife Lake	\$3,143.54
Flat Rock	\$33,321.42
Flint	\$530,457.46
Flushing	\$33,022.29
Forestville	\$1,590.26
Fountain	\$2,104.79
Fowler	\$4,755.86
Fowlerville	\$12,543.32
Frankenmuth	\$20,927.48
Frankfort	\$7,406.16
Franklin	\$14,135.09
Fraser	\$47,211.66
Freeport	\$3,230.82
Freesoil	\$1,755.67
Fremont	\$20,781.99
Fruitport	\$6,208.69
Gaastra	\$4,010.50
Gagetown	\$2,805.00

Gaines	\$2,619.38
Galesburg	\$7,818.26
Galien	\$3,040.73
Garden	\$1,168.42
Garden City	\$101,498.62
Gaylord	\$18,986.11
Gibraltar	\$17,314.78
Gladstone	\$27,502.22
Gladwin	\$14,807.72
Gobles	\$4,182.55
Goodrich	\$7,299.75
Grand Beach	\$3,998.66
Grand Blanc	\$30,792.03
Grand Haven	\$46,697.10
Grand Ledge	\$28,183.64
Grand Rapids	\$836,577.04
Grandville	\$61,219.87
Grant	\$4,508.67
Grass Lake	\$5,837.13
Grayling	\$8,750.08
Greenville	\$38,904.94
Grosse Pointe	\$19,749.36
Grosse Pointe Farms	\$34,851.36
Grosse Pointe Park	\$40,790.98
Grosse Pointe Shores	\$11,210.43
Grosse Pointe Woods	\$56,169.11
Hamtramck	\$72,543.70
Hancock	\$25,423.58
Hanover	\$2,757.85
Harbor Beach	\$7,828.09
Harbor Springs	\$8,144.07
Harper Woods	\$47,825.80
Harrietta	\$1,639.15
Harrison	\$10,588.58
Harrisville	\$2,693.31
Hart	\$9,422.70
Hartford	\$11,611.48
Hastings	\$32,418.07
Hazel Park	\$59,367.31
Hersey	\$2,620.72
Hesperia	\$5,445.02
Highland Park	\$49,367.99
Hillman	\$4,483.63
Hillsdale	\$36,373.59
Holland	\$163,429.96
Holly	\$22,009.81
Homer	\$7,486.03

Honor	\$2,161.08
Hopkins	\$3,182.64
Houghton	\$37,322.67
Howard City	\$10,182.36
Howell	\$35,264.98
Hubbardston	\$3,033.40
Hudson	\$10,820.87
Hudsonville	\$29,723.15
Huntington Woods	\$22,685.09
Imlay City	\$16,133.74
Inkster	\$90,717.24
Ionia	\$37,332.74
Iron Mountain	\$41,462.55
Iron River	\$25,745.30
Ironwood	\$34,227.75
Ishpeming	\$38,191.62
Ithaca	\$15,579.17
Jackson	\$154,509.73
Jonesville	\$10,782.26
Kalamazoo	\$324,454.37
Kaleva	\$4,305.39
Kalkaska	\$12,123.16
Keego Harbor	\$9,738.62
Kent City	\$4,803.19
Kentwood	\$189,797.95
Kinde	\$2,592.92
Kingsford	\$27,946.03
Kingsley	\$6,819.47
Kingston	\$2,049.76
L'Anse	\$11,595.54
Laingsburg	\$6,411.99
Lake Angelus	\$737.93
Lake Ann	\$2,295.69
Lake City	\$4,967.48
Lake Isabella	\$11,286.71
Lake Linden	\$7,909.98
Lake Odessa	\$9,206.70
Lake Orion	\$10,516.29
Lakeview	\$6,388.61
Lakewood Club	\$7,356.93
Lansing	\$516,438.31
Lapeer	\$39,447.77
Lathrup Village	\$17,984.50
Laurium	\$13,910.34
Lawrence	\$6,312.24
Lawton	\$9,808.26
Lennon	\$2,173.91

Leonard	\$2,529.37
Leroy	\$2,838.11
Leslie	\$8,635.64
Lexington	\$4,567.37
Lincoln	\$3,428.49
Lincoln Park	\$143,235.40
Linden	\$14,786.22
Litchfield	\$6,660.99
Livonia	\$389,319.14
Lowell	\$15,893.47
Ludington	\$36,057.22
Luna Pier	\$6,255.63
Luther	\$3,832.80
Lyons	\$4,794.39
Mackinac Island	\$2,814.66
Mackinaw City	\$9,917.68
Madison Heights	\$107,400.21
Mancelona	\$6,734.57
Manchester	\$10,116.68
Manistee	\$34,184.89
Manistique	\$15,133.28
Manton	\$7,273.67
Maple Rapids	\$3,122.57
Marcellus	\$4,842.45
Marine City	\$16,593.50
Marion	\$5,623.77
Marlette	\$8,987.53
Marquette	\$97,413.30
Marshall	\$30,525.54
Martin	\$2,675.30
Marysville	\$40,099.78
Mason	\$31,226.61
Mattawan	\$12,083.14
Maybee	\$3,350.54
Mayville	\$4,757.60
McBain	\$3,938.44
McBride	\$1,134.44
Mecosta	\$2,802.81
Melvin	\$1,829.87
Melvindale	\$35,042.04
Memphis	\$5,111.94
Mendon	\$4,904.30
Menominee	\$41,088.87
Merrill	\$3,866.53
Mesick	\$2,885.36
Metamora	\$2,717.05
Michiana	\$2,891.77

Middleville	\$13,886.21
Midland	\$228,777.84
Milan	\$23,326.28
Milford	\$22,689.44
Millersburg	\$2,143.29
Millington	\$4,409.93
Minden City	\$1,722.93
Monroe	\$84,602.72
Montague	\$13,870.50
Montgomery	\$3,014.64
Montrose	\$6,903.22
Morenci	\$10,217.07
Morley	\$2,828.53
Morrice	\$4,823.99
Mount Clemens	\$58,168.80
Mt. Morris	\$12,393.73
Mt. Pleasant	\$98,106.74
Muir	\$3,145.50
Mulliken	\$2,715.78
Munising	\$16,471.93
Muskegon	\$189,743.25
Muskegon Heights	\$51,349.37
Nashville	\$7,687.48
Negaunee	\$27,218.51
New Baltimore	\$39,734.98
New Buffalo	\$11,425.21
New Era	\$4,219.63
New Haven	\$16,375.52
New Lothrop	\$3,009.73
Newaygo	\$11,697.86
Newberry	\$10,171.35
Niles	\$49,016.48
North Adams	\$2,470.32
North Branch	\$4,676.62
North Muskegon	\$17,291.68
Northport	\$4,215.84
Northville	\$21,740.47
Norton Shores	\$112,568.39
Norway	\$19,355.11
Novi	\$212,344.94
Oak Park	\$100,634.59
Oakley	\$2,135.23
Olivet	\$6,908.59
Omer	\$1,987.81
Onaway	\$5,438.55
Onkama	\$2,419.43
Onsted	\$4,303.16

Ontonagon	\$11,119.43
Orchard Lake	\$9,322.58
Ortonville	\$6,007.02
Otisville	\$3,910.42
Otsego	\$17,149.59
Otter Lake	\$2,721.36
Ovid	\$6,908.66
Owendale	\$2,155.10
Owosso	\$61,896.96
Oxford	\$13,782.44
Parchment	\$7,868.80
Parma	\$3,482.33
Paw Paw	\$15,026.85
Peck	\$2,548.75
Pellston	\$4,947.07
Pentwater	\$5,800.47
Perrinton	\$2,358.32
Perry	\$8,425.98
Petersburg	\$5,447.55
Petoskey	\$28,608.89
Pewamo	\$3,127.73
Pierson	\$1,463.17
Pigeon	\$5,545.07
Pinckney	\$9,220.29
Pinconning	\$6,269.98
Plainwell	\$16,074.25
Pleasant Ridge	\$9,391.86
Plymouth	\$32,079.25
Pontiac	\$261,215.23
Port Austin	\$3,513.27
Port Hope	\$1,808.28
Port Huron	\$139,149.59
Port Sanilac	\$3,101.36
Portage	\$220,859.59
Portland	\$19,460.65
Posen	\$1,742.88
Potterville	\$9,433.26
Powers	\$2,970.31
Prescott	\$2,893.44
Quincy	\$6,852.80
Ravenna	\$7,187.27
Reading	\$4,830.40
Reed City	\$12,233.27
Reese	\$6,853.96
Richland	\$2,881.51
Richmond	\$19,818.66
River Rouge	\$28,077.19

Riverview	\$39,910.66
Rochester	\$42,959.92
Rochester Hills	\$278,902.82
Rockford	\$20,268.53
Rockwood	\$10,964.38
Rogers City	\$15,587.26
Romeo	\$11,677.46
Romulus	\$100,222.29
Roosevelt Park	\$13,869.97
Roscommon	\$5,641.96
Rose City	\$4,047.05
Rosebush	\$2,208.24
Roseville	\$177,193.64
Rothbury	\$2,797.71
Royal Oak	\$236,243.85
Saginaw	\$274,164.65
Saline	\$33,639.79
Sand Lake	\$3,099.79
Sandusky	\$12,364.15
Sanford	\$4,564.91
Saranac	\$5,919.36
Saugatuck	\$6,258.59
Sault Ste. Marie	\$74,320.44
Schoolcraft	\$7,823.47
Scottville	\$6,585.94
Sebewaing	\$8,609.25
Shelby	\$12,606.82
Shepherd	\$6,610.81
Sheridan	\$3,523.45
Sherwood	\$2,253.94
Shoreham	\$2,852.09
South Haven	\$23,460.99
South Lyon	\$35,138.54
South Range	\$5,115.42
South Rockwood	\$7,971.66
Southfield	\$312,585.38
Southgate	\$104,058.67
Sparta	\$15,633.46
Spring Lake	\$11,701.46
Springfield	\$25,180.22
Springport	\$3,185.23
St. Charles	\$10,020.81
St. Clair	\$22,399.23
St. Clair Shores	\$214,222.24
St. Ignace	\$13,255.34
St. Johns	\$32,764.86
St. Joseph	\$33,569.80

St. Louis	\$25,985.68
Standish	\$7,735.86
Stanton	\$6,346.06
Stanwood	\$1,132.71
Stephenson	\$5,390.64
Sterling	\$4,180.39
Sterling Heights	\$459,519.82
Stevensville	\$6,471.18
Stockbridge	\$4,818.98
Sturgis	\$45,407.17
Sunfield	\$2,813.13
Suttons Bay	\$5,844.78
Swartz Creek	\$23,203.04
Sylvan Lake	\$6,697.71
Tawas City	\$9,780.80
Taylor	\$239,809.98
Tecumseh	\$35,924.26
Tekonsha	\$4,997.15
Thompsonville	\$3,721.95
Three Oaks	\$7,583.94
Three Rivers	\$32,884.91
Traverse City	\$64,452.62
Trenton	\$62,808.42
Troy	\$319,404.18
Turner	\$1,592.51
Tustin	\$1,634.43
Twining	\$1,388.99
Ubly	\$4,276.94
Union City	\$7,832.31
Unionville	\$2,608.67
Utica	\$16,608.13
Vandalia	\$2,106.70
Vanderbilt	\$4,182.12
Vassar	\$12,689.13
Vermontville	\$4,156.12
Vernon	\$4,106.63
Vicksburg	\$13,903.02
Wakefield	\$18,647.27
Waldron	\$3,226.21
Walker	\$102,278.79
Walkerville	\$2,419.84
Walled Lake	\$22,909.22
Warren	\$524,461.55
Watervliet	\$7,776.71
Wayland	\$16,993.93
Wayne	\$60,944.49
Webberville	\$5,666.56

West Branch	\$10,282.32
Westland	\$291,778.34
Westphalia	\$4,174.68
White Cloud	\$7,286.60
White Pigeon	\$6,783.74
Whitehall	\$15,974.96
Whittemore	\$2,247.79
Williamston	\$14,652.36
Wixom	\$46,650.69
Wolverine	\$3,067.25
Wolverine Lake	\$15,508.01
Woodhaven	\$39,400.73
Woodland	\$1,925.14
Wyandotte	\$96,682.30
Wyoming	\$304,371.94
Yale	\$7,581.81
Ypsilanti	\$68,251.08
Zeeland	\$25,383.61
Zilwaukee	\$8,032.38
TOTAL:	<hr/> \$21,800,000.00

**Village of Spring Lake - Street Repair  
April 3, 2014**

<u>Street</u>	<u>General Location</u>	<u>Dimension</u>	<u>Sq. Ft.</u>	<u>Scope</u>
1. Grandview Ave.	A) EB Lane, W. of S. Lake Ave. B) EB Lane, W. of S. Lake Ave.	4' x 31' 2' x 9'	124 18	Spot Mill/Patch Spot Mill/Patch
2. S. Lake Ave.	NB Lane, S. of Fleser Ct.	5' x 20'	100	Spot Mill/Patch
3. River St.	EB Lane, W. of Fruitport Rd.	2' x 24'	48	Spot Mill/Patch
4. Prospect St.	A) SB Lane, N. of River St. B) NB Lane, N. of River St. C) NB Lane, S. of E. Exchange St. (full lane)	5' x 11' 4' x 23' 12' x 16'	55 92 192	Spot Mill/Patch Spot Mill/Patch Spot Mill/Patch
5. E. Exchange St.	EB Lane, W. of Prospect St. (full lane)	14' x 46'	644	Spot Mill/Patch
6. E. Exchange St.	Both lanes, W. of Meridian St. (full width)	20' x 17'	340	Spot Mill/Patch
7. N. Division St.	NB Lane, N. of W. Savidge St. (full lane)	14' x 46'	644	Spot Mill/Patch
8. W. Savidge St.	A) EB Lane, at East M104 Entrance B) Intersection at West M104 Entrance	10' x 30' 5' x 5'	300 25	Spot Mill/Patch Spot Mill/Patch
9. W. Savidge St.	Both lanes, E. of stamped crosswalk (full lane)			Fill patch, Pave - seek advice!
10. DeWitt Ln.	Both lanes, S. of E. Savidge St. (full width)	27'x 11'	297	Spot Mill/Patch

Proposal

API Quote # K14084

ASPHALT PAVING, INC.

1000 E. Sherman Blvd.
Muskegon, MI 49444
Phone: 231-733-1409 FAX: 231-733-4256

04/08/2014

Table with 4 columns: Proposal Submitted To, Street, City, State, Zip, Contact, Phone, Job name, Job Location, Date of Plans, Fax, Cell Phone.

We hereby submit estimates per the project or otherwise provided specifications for:

IN THE AREAS AS LISTED ON YOUR STREET REPAIR LIST DATED APRIL 3, 2014 EXCEPT ITEM #9:

WE WILL MILL 2" AVERAGE AS NECESSARY, CLEAN MILLED SURFACE, PLACE A BITUMINOUS TACK COAT FOR PROPER BOND, AND PAVE WITH ONE 2" AVERAGE COURSE OF HOT MIX ASPHALT.

COST: \$10,938.00

IN THE AREA OF ITEM #9 BEING APPROX. 33' X 310':

WE WILL MILL BUTT JOINTS AT EACH END, MILL ALONG CURBS, CLEAN MILLED SURFACE, PLACE A BITUMINOUS TACK COAT FOR PROPER BOND, AND PAVE WITH ONE 2" AVERAGE COURSE OF HOT MIX ASPHALT.

COST: \$10,620.00

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO QUOTE THIS PROJECT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL US AT THE ABOVE NUMBER. If this proposal is accepted by both parties, it becomes the contract between the parties. All provisions of Public Act 497 of 1982 as amended (Construction Lien Act) will apply. All accounts are due and payable by the 10th of the month following date of invoice. FINANCE CHARGE of 1-1/2% per month, which is an annual percentage rate of 18%, charged on all past due accounts.

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of: See Above

"Payment to be made as follows:

Upon Completion of the Work, Balance is due.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance.

Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

Authorized Signature

Handwritten signature of Kenneth L. Johnson

Kenneth L. Johnson

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us, if not accepted within 30 Days

Please sign and return one copy to Asphalt Paving, Inc.

Acceptance of Proposal:

The above prices, specifications, and conditions are satisfactory and hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined.

Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title:

Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title:

Date of Acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_



## Roger Belknap

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**From:** Rookus, Steve (MPM) <SRookus@mipmc.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 10, 2014 4:15 PM  
**To:** Roger Belknap  
**Subject:** Street Repairs, Village of Spring Lake

Roger,

Taylor sent me your email with the attachment showing requested street repairs. Our price to Flag, Mill, clean and pave your list of street repairs will be \$5.90/SF. Based on your list of 2879 SF, the total would \$16,986.10. This includes minor traffic control on the side streets. For the work on M104, we would require you to handle any necessary signage and traffic control. We will provide a flagger and pop up signs noting work ahead, but anything above and beyond that would have to be handled "by Owner". In some cases I may have our operator mill wider than what you have listed, at no charge to the Village, as it will speed up the process and provide a better final product. Please note that with Frost laws in affect and plant "start up" still in flux, we will not have a firm schedule for a couple weeks. I would anticipate that we could do the work early May with a slight possibility of late April. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thx,

*R.*

*Steve Rookus*

Area Manager/Project Estimator  
Michigan Paving and Materials Company  
Grand Region  
616.235.2273 office  
269.208.1026 cell  
616.459.3188 fax



**From:** Roger Belknap  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 09, 2014 4:42 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Village of Spring Lake - Patch list

Taylor,

Please find the attached list of street paving (spot mill/patch) for Spring Lake Village.

My cell number is 616-638-6470.

Thanks,

Roger A. Belknap  
Director of Public Works  
Village of Spring Lake  
102 W. Savidge St.  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Ph: (616) 842-1393

Fx: (616) 847-1393

[rbelknap@springlakevillage.org](mailto:rbelknap@springlakevillage.org)

[www.SpringLakeVillage.org](http://www.SpringLakeVillage.org)

## Christine Burns

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**From:** Lukas Hill [LHill@springlaketwp.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:32 AM  
**To:** Christine Burns  
**Subject:** RE: HELP - THE GRAND CONNECTION  
**Attachments:** Re: TRAIL TOWNS - TIGER GRANT

No, that would be fine. We have also included some funding to do a Trail Town exercise in the Village of Spring Lake if you are interested. LIAA would be doing it. See attached email. Most of the \$20,000, if not all, would be covered by the grant and you do not have to commit at this time.

Thanks!

Lukas

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**From:** Christine Burns [<mailto:christine@springlakevillage.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 03, 2014 11:15 AM  
**To:** Lukas Hill  
**Subject:** RE: HELP - THE GRAND CONNECTION

Will April 14th be too late?

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**From:** Lukas Hill [<mailto:LHill@springlaketwp.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 5:12 PM  
**To:** Christine Burns  
**Subject:** HELP - THE GRAND CONNECTION

Hi Chris,

Please help us with our grant with a support letter. See attached example and map.

Thank you for your consideration!

Lukas (aka WHITESNAKE)

## **Trail Town Planning Effort**

A Trail Town is a community in which public officials, governmental staff, business owners and citizens have worked together to develop their local trail system as a focal point for tourism-centered economic development and revitalization. The Trail Town concept was originally developed by the Allegheny Trails Alliance, a coalition of seven trail organizations along the 150-mile Great Allegheny Passage Trail which runs through Pennsylvania and Maryland. The basic Trail Town concept is simple: ensure that communities along the trail are better able to maximize the economic potential of trail-based tourism.

Over the last several years, as the full economic benefits of linking trails, recreation, tourism and business development has become better known, the Trail Town concept has caught on. According to an article from the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, “communities around the country are increasingly utilizing the Trail Town Strategy for small town revitalization.” In Michigan, about twenty different communities have either completed or are in the process of developing local Trail Town plans. Several of these communities are also working together to create regional Trail Town initiative.

The Trail Town effort can be centered around any type of trail (e.g., non-motorized, snow-mobile, equestrian, kayak). While the Trail Town concept is primarily geared toward cities and towns with a traditional downtown, the concept is very much applicable in rural communities that have at least one central area for commercial activity.

## **Scope of Work**

Thank you for the opportunity to participate. With this brief proposal, the Land Information Access Association (LIAA) is pleased to be a part of the TIGER Grant request being submitted by Spring Lake Township. As detailed below, we offer our collective experience, expertise, enthusiasm and complete commitment to facilitate local Trail Town planning efforts in up to eight communities along the proposed North Bank Trail. First, each community will be asked to organize a local Trail Town working committee. Each committee will participate in at least three meetings in which we will identify community assets associated with the proposed trail, identify potential trail user needs, conduct a comprehensive “trail-to-town” design assessment, explore and develop basic marketing and promotional materials and develop a formal Trail Town Plan. To complete all these tasks, LIAA will ask for funding to cover all personnel, travel and material costs in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

## **Business Organization**

The Land Information Access Association (LIAA) is a federally approved, Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation registered in the State of Michigan. From its headquarters in Traverse City, LIAA serves communities throughout the state with a staff of 14 professionals. We provide innovative community-building and support services for governments, organizations and individual citizens, including: community planning and development; geographic information systems (GIS) and cartography; asset inventories and asset mapping; website development, software and database development, and IT support; community-access television and video production; and related facilitation, training and education. A nine-member volunteer Board of Directors oversees all of LIAA’s operations, finances and programs.

## Experience

LIAA has assisted hundreds of local governments across Michigan in addressing land-use planning, community development, recreation and resource preservation challenges. These projects range from building basic communications strategies to the development of community-wide comprehensive master plans, trail-town initiatives and recreation plans. Through these efforts, LIAA has managed extensive public participation processes, designed and conducted public surveys (phone, mail and web-based), completed land-use analyses and research, and drafted a wide range of policies for use by cities, townships, villages and counties.

In recent years, LIAA has become a leader in bringing municipalities together for regional trail planning and Trail Town planning efforts. With support from local and state-wide foundations, regional planning agencies and local governments we have facilitated Trail Town Planning efforts in five different communities. In addition, we are currently assisting 11 different communities in their local Trail Town planning efforts.

Examples of LIAA's experience with Trail Town planning, include:

- Emmet & Charlevoix Counties: Boyne City, Charlevoix and Petoskey
- Northeast Northern Michigan Council of Governments: Atlanta, Topinabee, Mackinaw City, Alpena and Grayling
- The "Thumb": Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair, Port Huron, Lexington, Harbor Beach, Port Sanilac and Caro

LIAA has written extensively about Trail Town planning in state association periodicals (MTA). Most notably, LIAA, in partnership with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments developed *Trail Towns, Capturing Trail-Based Tourism - A Manual for Communities in Northern Michigan*. A full copy of the *Guidebook* can be downloaded from the LIAA Website at: [http://www.liaa.org/downloads/trail\\_town\\_manual\\_1.pdf](http://www.liaa.org/downloads/trail_town_manual_1.pdf)  
LIAA has also presented before numerous commissions/boards across the state and spoken at several state association conferences.

		Resources*						Totals		
		ED	TD	CP	GS	CD	GA	AD	Hours	Cost
		\$75.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$35.00		
<b>TT Project</b>	<b>Goals and Tasks</b>									
	<b>Goal 1.1: Introduce Trail Town Concept</b>									
	Task 1.1.1: Develop project work plan	2		4				4	10	\$550.00
	Task 1.1.2: Prepare introductory materials for project			8					8	\$520.00
	Task 1.1.3: Facilitate two (2) community-wide presentations			12					12	\$780.00
	<b>Goal 1.2: Facilitate Community Discussions</b>									
	Task 1.2.1: Conduct a Trail-to-Town Audit - for eight (8) jurisdictions			34					34	\$2,210.00
	Task 1.2.2: Conduct Community Assessment - for eight (8) jurisdictions			34					34	\$2,210.00
	Task 1.2.3: Develop maps from audit				34				34	\$2,210.00
	Task 1.2.4: Gather & assess local plans & policies			16					16	\$1,040.00
	<b>Goal 1.3: Develop Final Materials</b>									
	Task 1.3.1: Develop marketing materials & logo (as needed)	2		4		8	28		42	\$2,330.00
	Task 1.3.2: Draft Trail Town Plans	4		50		8			62	\$4,070.00
<b>Total Hours and Cost:</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$15,920.00</b>

**All Other Project Costs Anticipated**

<b>Travel</b>	18 trips (324 miles/round-trip = 5,832 x \$0.56/mile)	<b>\$3,266.00</b>
<b>Project Logistics</b>	Meeting Space, Food, Supplies, Hotel, Etc.	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Paper/Prints</b>	Includes printed reports, duplication & plots of maps	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Total for All Other Costs</b>		<b>\$4,066.00</b>

**Grand Total Direct Expenditures for North Bank Trail Town Planning Project**

**\$19,986.00**

\*Resource Key:

<b>ED</b>	Executive Director
<b>TD</b>	Technology Director
<b>CP</b>	Community Planner
<b>GS</b>	GIS Specialist
<b>CD</b>	Communications Director
<b>GA</b>	Graphic Artist
<b>AD</b>	Financial Administrator

Letter Example

Mr. Howard Hill  
Office of the Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
United States

RE: THE GRAND CONNECTION – TIGER PLANNING GRANT

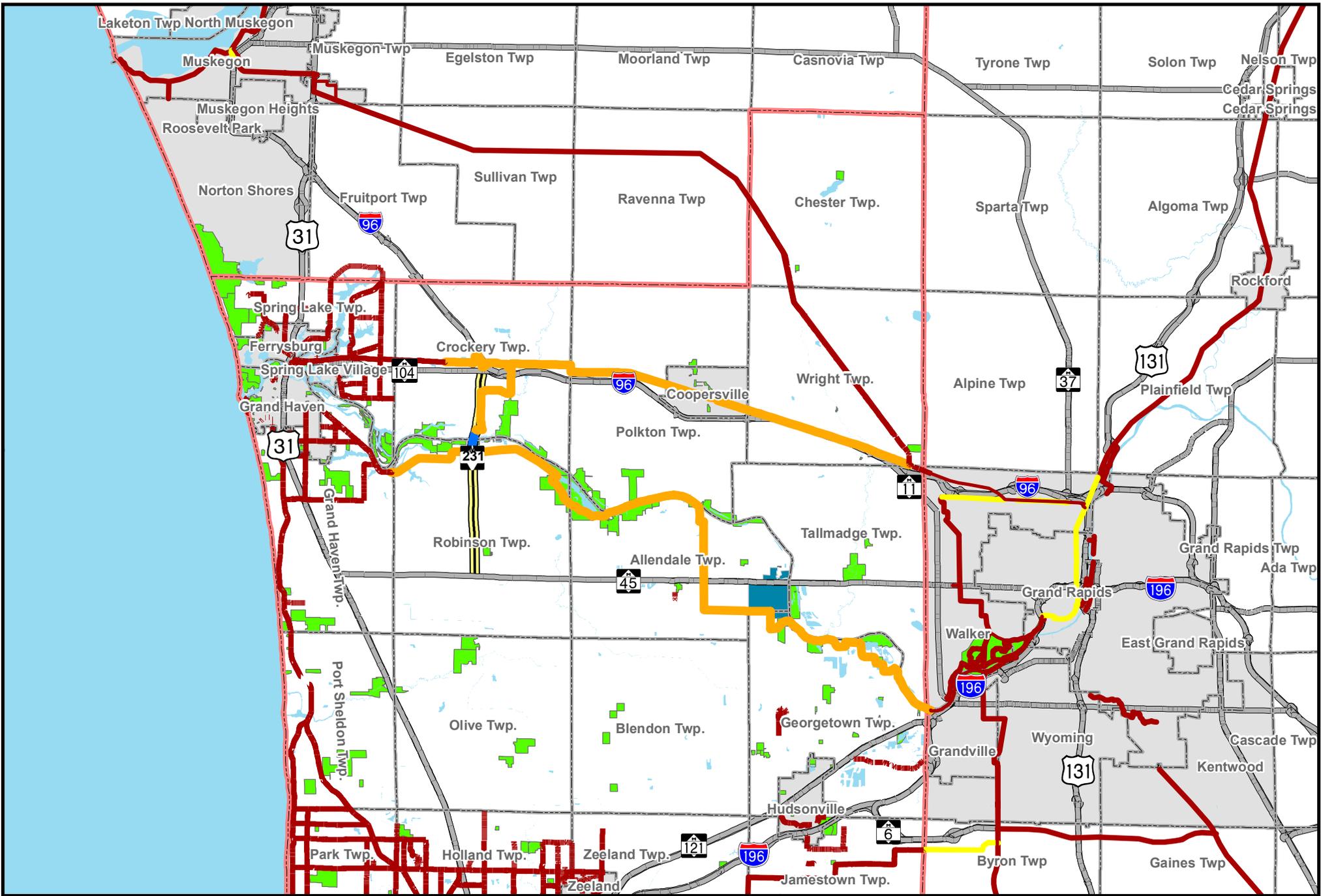
Dear Mr. Hill,

Please accept this letter of support for *The Grand Connection* TIGER grant application in Ottawa County, Michigan. The Grand Connection planning grant application will develop a strategy to complete a series of bicycle and pedestrian routes from the thriving Grand Rapids region to the beaches of Lake Michigan approximately 30 miles away. The Grand Connection will restore historic transportation routes that were once used by railroads and Native Americans and will also offer a new route to cross the Grand River; the largest river in Michigan that stretches more than 250 miles.

The project is made up of three different trails: The North Bank Trail (NBT) that is 20 miles long, the Grand River Greenway (GRG) that is 30 miles long, and the Spoonville Trail that is three miles long (map enclosed). The NBT will once again link historic town centers to one another utilizing the former Grand Trunk Railroad corridor and will provide a very efficient route. Coopersville, Spring Lake, and Nunica will once again be linked to Grand Haven and Grand Rapids via a safe alternative route other than simply a roadway. We strongly believe that this will generate new economic opportunities and significantly increase pedestrian and bicycle activity. The NBT will also connect to the existing 25-mile Musketawa Trail enhancing the regional network in West Michigan. The GRG will connect areas along the south side of the Grand River including Grand Valley State University in Allendale, with the Lakeshore and Grand Rapids. In addition, the GRG will link numerous parks and open spaces together while also connecting to non-motorized facilities in the southern Grand Rapids metro area and in Grand Haven. And finally, the Spoonville Trail will link the NBT to the GRG via a new bridge over the Grand River that is being constructed as part of the 231 bypass.

In summary, we believe that The Grand Connection project will result new regional non-motorized options unsurpassed in Michigan. This will improve safety, increase tourism, create new ways for people to commute and recreate. Creation of the new alternative transportation routes will also improve the likelihood of a new designated US Bike Route across the State of Michigan from Grand Rapids to Detroit. We strongly urge you to select The Grand Connection application for TIGER funding to enhance West Michigan's transportation alternatives and help us realize the goal of being the most pedestrian and bicycle friendly region in the Midwest.

Sincerely,



**Legend**

-  TIGER Grant Pathways
-  Other Existing Pathways
-  Bridge Route
-  Proposed/Planned Regional Trails
-  M-231 Route (Under Construction)

## Ottawa County Grand River Loop Pathways TIGER Grant Project



March 31, 2014

Christine Burns, Village Manager  
Village of Spring Lake  
102 W Savidge Street  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Re: Potential Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Incentive for the Village of Spring Lake

Dear Ms. Burns,

Thank you for giving the Michigan Economic Development Corporation ("MEDC") the opportunity to review your proposed project in your Community. We are excited to continue discussions with you on your proposed project. This letter contains an option for financial assistance through programs administered by the MEDC. The steps identified below will need to occur prior to full consideration of an application and approval of any incentives.

The project involves eliminating blight at 107 S Division in downtown Spring Lake, including the removal and replacement of exterior siding and trim, installation of insulation and vapor barrier, repair of moldings, scraping and painting of trim, construction of a second story addition and installation of gutters and downspouts. Total cost of the project will be approximately \$274,000 and will restore a local historic landmark to a state of beauty and elegance. Energy efficient updates will reduce the home's negative environmental impact. MEDC recognizes the importance of this project and the significant impact that this historic resource can have on the appearance of the downtown.

Under the Michigan CDBG Program, all projects must meet one of the national objectives and attending statutorily mandated requirements to be considered for funding. CDBG funding is awarded to the State by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") and administered by the MEDC, through the Michigan Strategic Fund ("MSF").

It is our understanding that the Village of Spring Lake will be the Grantee and Christine Burns and designated staff will administer the grant award. We are recommending financial support in the amount of \$137,000. This is expected to be 50% of the total cost to eliminate the blight on this site and restore the historic structure. Due to the local population of low to moderate income residents being greater than 51% in Spring Lake, as determined by a local community income survey, this project is considered to meet the standards for area wide benefit. This offer is contingent on the execution of a Grant Agreement no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Due to federal regulations associated with CDBG funding, this program requires an Environmental Review that can take 2-3 months. To remain eligible for this funding, project costs, including CDBG, local, private, and any other project costs, cannot be incurred until the environmental review procedures have been completed and the Community has received written approval from the MSF. Incurring costs is defined as making commitments relevant to the project. This includes, but is not limited to, entering lease/easement/purchase agreements, ordering equipment, signing contracts, and performing any work other than activities to be determined exempt from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

**Michigan Economic Development Corporation**

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For more information or details on incurring costs, please visit the [CDBG Application Guide](#).

Any incentive awarded under the CDBG Program is contingent upon several factors, including (i) submission by the Community of a completed application and all other documentation required under the Program, (ii) satisfactory community support, (iii) available funding, (iv) the project occurring at the site identified, (v) approval of an award by the MSF, and (vi) execution of a final agreement between the Community and the MSF containing established milestones and reporting requirements.

The Community's project is important to Michigan, and the Village of Spring Lake, and we welcome the opportunity to assist in the development. If you are interested in continuing discussions with the MEDC to pursue a recommendation to the MSF for a possible award for the Community along with the above parameters, please sign and date this letter and return by April 15, 2014. If we do not receive your signed indication by this date the proposed incentives may be subject to renegotiation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, either by phone at 616-430-8015 or by email at [kilpatrickr@michigan.org](mailto:kilpatrickr@michigan.org).

Sincerely,

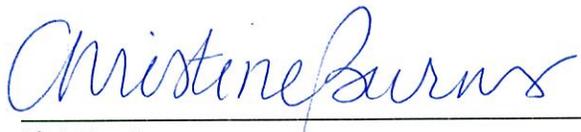


Ryan Kilpatrick, AICP  
Community Assistance Specialist

Attachments

cc: Sarah Rainero, Community Assistance Team Manager, MEDC  
Christine Whitz, Manager CDBG, MEDC  
Lisa Green, CDBG Project Specialist, MEDC

The Community is interested in pursuing a recommendation by the MEDC to the MSF for a possible incentive award under the Program. The Community understands any such award is subject to the factors discussed above and any other terms and conditions required by the Program and the MSF.



Christine Burns

Date: 04/01/14

**Please Return Written Acceptance to the MEDC:**

**Mail:** Attn: Ryan Kilpatrick, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913

**Email:** [kilpatrickr@michigan.org](mailto:kilpatrickr@michigan.org)



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Spring Lake Village



## Now Accepting 2014 Reservations Tanglefoot Park & Mill Point Docks



The Village is currently accepting seasonal reservations for this summer. We are also accepting applications for dock rentals. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please call Mary at 616-842-1393.

## Spring Leaf Pickup

The Village of Spring Lake will provide the spring leaf pickup program on April 28th. **All leaves must be raked onto the street and off of the lawn by this date as the truck passes only once in the Spring.** The hose on the vacuum truck is limited in length; therefore piles on the lawn are hard to reach.



All Village residents, **except those on Savidge**, need to have their leaves raked to the road by **7:30 a.m. on Monday, April 28th**. M-104 (Savidge Street) residents need to have their leaves bagged and ready for pickup at **7:30 a.m. April 28, 2014**.

The Village leaf truck cannot pickup landscaping waste, ornamental grasses, sticks, brush, lumber, etc.

## SPRING CLEAN UP SERVICES

The Village of Spring Lake will conduct its Spring Clean Up Program for all Village residents on Wednesday, May 7th. This program is open to Village residents only and will be provided by licensed waste haulers.

**NO TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER MAY 7th AS A PART OF THIS PROGRAM.**

Property owners will be responsible for any trash left on the curb after May 7th. This will include the cost of removal.

The following items will **NOT** be collected as a part of this program:

- ◆ Tree stumps, large automotive parts, concrete, blacktop, batteries, paint and any household solvents or cleaners of oil.
- ◆ Construction materials must be disassembled so they may be loaded in the trucks.
- ◆ Pipe will be accepted only if it is in six (6) foot lengths or shorter.
- ◆ If you have numerous items, please place them in a disposable container such as a cardboard box.

## Rental Registration Time

Do you own a house or apartment that you use as a rental property? It's that time of year again when you are required to register your property with the Village. After the Village receives your registration, you will be contacted by the Inspector to schedule your inspection (if you are due). If you have questions regarding your property or have not received an application in the mail, please contact Maryann Fonkert at 616-842-1393 for assistance.

## **BRUSH COLLECTION**

Brush collection will take place on **May 19th & September 15th**. The DPW will collect brush up to 8' in length. Residents should neatly stack the cut ends facing the street no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of collection. While it may take more than one day to traverse the entire Village, the DPW crew will make one pass by each house. If your brush is not at the curb prior to their drive-by, it will not be picked up. The DPW cannot take stumps, decorative grasses, vines or roots. If you have questions regarding brush collection, please contact DPW Director Roger Belknap at 616-638-6470.

## **TREE TRIMMING**

In 2013, Consumers Energy trimmed the backbone of their electric distribution system throughout the Village. Consumers Energy will be trimming trees that affect their lateral distribution lines in 2014. Affected Village residents received a green post card in the mail. If the trees to be trimmed or removed are in the ROW contiguous to your property, you should receive a door hanger as well as contact by a Consumers Energy employee. These trees are not part of the Village tree maintenance program, which will take place later in the summer. A map showing affected areas is available for review on the Village website.



## **BUDGET PREPARATION**

Village staff are in the midst of preparing the 2014/2015 fiscal year budget. Review of the General Fund budget will take place in April & May. Residents are encouraged to check agendas on the Village website to determine when each fund will be discussed. All budget discussions are open to the public. Taxpayers are welcomed and encouraged to attend and participate in the process.

**04/22/14**

5-Year Capital Improvement Plan to Planning Commission

**05/06/14**

Final Budget to Council

**05/19/14**

Council Approves Water & Sewer Rates & Misc. Fees

**06/09/14**

Budget Adoption by Council

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014**

Water Meters Read ~ end of March  
Water Bills Mailed ~ April 15th  
Water Bills Due ~ May 15th  
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ June 4th

Tanglefoot Park Opens ~ April 15th

Leaf Pick up ~ April 28th

Junk Trash Collection ~ May 7th

Historical Home Tour ~ May 17th & 18th

Brush Collection ~ May 19th

Memorial Day Parade ~ May 26th

Wooden Boat Show ~ May 31st  
Mill Point Park

Heritage Festival ~ June 9th to 14th

Water Meters Read ~ end of June  
Water Bills Mailed ~ July 15th  
Water Bills Due ~ August 15th  
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ September 3rd

Budget Adoption ~ June 9, 2014  
Barber School, 7:00 p.m.

Taxes Mailed ~ July 1st  
Taxes Due ~ September 15th

Brush Collection ~ September 15th

Junk Trash Collection ~ October 1st

Water Meters Read ~ end of September  
Water Bills Mailed ~ October 15th  
Water Bills Due ~ November 15th  
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ December 3rd

Leaf Collection Begins ~ October 27th  
Leaf Collection Ends ~ November 26th

Water Meters Read ~ end of December  
Water Bills Mailed ~ January 15th  
Water Bills Due ~ February 15th  
Shut-offs for non-payment ~ March 4th

## VILLAGE HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Good Friday ~ April 18th

Memorial Day ~ May 26th

Independence Day ~ July 4th

Labor Day ~ September 1st

Veteran's Day ~ November 11th

Thanksgiving ~ November 27th & 28th

Christmas ~ December 24th & 25th

New Years ~ Dec 31st (1/2) & January 1st

## Front Yard & Right of Way Parking

### Section 16.1A of the zoning ordinance states:

Parking of vehicles in the front yard in the **SFR-A and SFR-B** zoning districts and for single-family dwelling and two-family dwelling uses in all zoning districts is restricted to a designated driveway, the width of which shall not exceed any point one-third (1/3) of the lot width, or twenty (20) feet, whichever is greater. ***Parking in areas of the front yard that are not part of your driveway, such as on the grass, is not permitted.***

Also, Village Ordinance, Number 179, Section 74-89 prohibits residents from parking vehicles in the Right-of-Way (ROW). In the past, this Ordinance had not been enforced and residents were allowed to park in the ROW between April 1st and December 1st.

In an effort to keep our community looking its best and your property values at their highest, in 2012, the Village Council instructed the Code Compliance Officer to commence enforcement of the ordinances. Council does, however, realize that parking is limited in several of areas of the Village and amended the Ordinance to allow one vehicle to park in the Right-of-Way with an annual **Public Right-of-Way Parking License**. License applications are available at Village Hall or [www.springlakevillage.org](http://www.springlakevillage.org), in the event you are interested in obtaining a license for 2014; the cost is **\$5 per year**.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Village Council will continue its review and analysis concerning the Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department at its meeting on April 21. With the expiration of our intergovernmental agreement fast approaching on June 30, the dialog between our communities regarding the extension, the amendment or the termination of the agreement will continue to be a top priority for us. The decision regarding the contract will be a mutual one between the parties to the contract, and we hope to have developed some consensus within the next few weeks. In the interim, our communities will continue to be protected by the dedicated officers who have served us so well over the years.

A discussion of this subject actually began at the Police Commission level back in 2012 when Grand Haven, Spring Lake and Ferrysburg officials met to investigate the possibility of a potential merger of the police departments. In June of 2013, the Village Finance Committee and the members of the Police Commission continued conversations regarding the scope of our unfunded pension liabilities, among other rapidly escalating costs, and how we might confront these substantial costs and deal with them in the context of collaboration with our neighbors in Grand Haven or with Ottawa County. As the contract's expiration date approaches, we are re-examining the agreement with the following objectives in mind:

- ◆ Continue to offer the same level of police protection to our citizens in terms of patrol hours and available manpower
- ◆ Wherever possible and/or practical, continue the continuity of current police staff members
- ◆ Provide these services in a more cost-effective and sustainable manner
- ◆ Confront and resolve the issue of significant unfunded liabilities for pension costs and other post employment benefits for all employees

Implementing these objectives will involve the close cooperation of our police personnel, members of our respective administrative staffs, and our elected officials. In the days and weeks to come, we will continue to discuss our options and our projected timeline.

We continue to welcome public input regarding this important issue, and we invite the public to share their comments with members of the Village Council at its meeting on April 21 at the Barber School. Since Ferrysburg is the other party to this agreement, citizens may also wish to share their thoughts and opinions with members of their City Council as well. If you are unable to attend a Village meeting, please share your thoughts with our Village Manager Christine Burns or myself at 842-1393 or drop us a note. Emails may be directed to [Christine@springlakevillage.org](mailto:Christine@springlakevillage.org) or to [villagepresz@gmail.com](mailto:villagepresz@gmail.com).

This process will remain a top priority until the contract issue is resolved. It will be handled in a reasoned, deliberate and thoughtful manner, and we will continue to keep our constituents informed of the progress we expect to achieve very soon.

**Jim MacLachlan, Village President**



# SCHOOL BOND ISSUE



Spring Lake Public Schools has placed two bond issues on the May 6, 2014 ballot. Proposal 1 includes renovations and additions to Holmes and Jeffers, significant upgrades to the Intermediate/Middle School, minor upgrades at the High School, technology, and buses. Proposal 2 includes upgrades at Grabinski Field and the addition of two synthetic turf fields at Spring Lake High School.

A bond presentation at the Spring Lake District Library is scheduled for April 17th at 6:30 p.m. More information about these proposals can be found at the district's website: <http://www.springlakeschools.org/bond-2014>. The last day to register to vote is April 7, 2014. Contact SL Township Clerk Carolyn Boersma at 844-2101 with questions regarding registration or absent voter ballots. Information is also available on the Spring Lake Township website [www.springlaketwp.org](http://www.springlaketwp.org).

## SIGN UP FOR CONSTANT CONTACT

The Village periodically sends out important updates via Constant Contact. If you wish to be on our email list, you can sign up on the Village website at [www.springlakevillage.org](http://www.springlakevillage.org). We promise not to fill up your inbox with junk. Constant Contact and Facebook are the quickest way for us to get information out for things such as flood preparation to the masses. Don't forget to [like] our Facebook page as well.



## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Music at the Point ~ Mill Point Park  
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - New Revival Jazz Band

June 26<sup>th</sup> - Lakeshore Big Band

July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Ellingboe

July 10<sup>th</sup> - Steel Doin' It

July 17<sup>th</sup> - Don Middlebrook

July 24<sup>th</sup> - Time Out Jazz Band

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Blue Water Ramblers

August 7<sup>th</sup> - Sea Cruisers

August 14<sup>th</sup> - We Know Jackson

August 21<sup>st</sup> - Adams Family

August 28<sup>th</sup> - Funkel Jesse



## CENTRAL PARK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

After a brief hiatus, the Central Park Capital Campaign is ready to kick into high gear. We have a number of awesome volunteers who will be working on this campaign to insure it's success.

We have received "preliminary" estimates from the engineer as follows:

Parking Lot Improvements:	72,000
Basketball Courts:	32,000
Pickle Ball Courts:	18,000
Dog Park Improvements:	8,000
Engineering:	34,700
Contingency:	<u>15,300</u>
<b>Estimated Total:</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>

We are actively seeking grants to complete this project, however we know that will not be enough to do everything that needs to be done. Thanks to a number of generous donors, we currently have approximately \$14,000 already pledged. Our goal is to have funding secure by the end of 2014 with construction to take place in 2015. What was previously slated as a phased approach will now be completed in one construction season. Stay tuned for the release of a website that will keep residents and donors up-to-date.

If you would like to bring Central Park back to her former glory, please contact us at 616-842-1393 for information regarding naming rights, donations or volunteer opportunities.

and will go a long way in making Centertown a viable part of the Grand Haven community, and a welcome entrance into the city's business district.

Property and business owners will benefit from new water and sewer lines like those found in the recently improved downtown district, and they will also have an enticing entrance to the downtown business community. Couple that with a new street surface, new sidewalks and other visual improvements, and it is sure to make this neighborhood a brighter spot for everyone.

**your  
2¢**

What do you think about this? Send us a letter.

It is great to see the city take this undertaking seriously and get the project done despite bids from contractors coming in much more expensive than the city had budgeted for it.

City officials rolled up their sleeves, sharpened their pencils and hit the books, seeing how they could make the project work in a revised scope instead of taking the easy way out and saying, "It costs too much — let's just wait until another opportunity comes up."

It's good to see that city officials finally took action and approved this project.

Slated to be completed later this summer, we look forward to the fresh new look Centertown will get from this project.

**Give us your 2¢**



You just have to tell everyone about something that makes you mad, about what the local or state government is doing wrong. Or maybe what's on your mind is how great a community it is we live in, and no one is talking about it.

Whatever is on your mind, send us your Letter to the Editor. Just make sure it's no more than 250 words and doesn't slander anyone. Oh yeah: and no cuss words.

We reserve the right to edit submissions for grammar, clarity and length. Letters from any one person will be accepted for publication every two weeks. Letters must include your real

# DARTS & FLOWERS

## Darts:

• To the person that reported my 12-year-old son to the Spring Lake/Ferrysburg police because he was playing outside with a toy gun. He was not bothering anyone, and yet he was told that he has to stay in his backyard from now on if he wants to play with his guns. Considering the overabundance of kids sitting in the house on electronics, I am happy he goes outside to play. I am ashamed to tell people that I live in the Village of Spring Lake, and this just cements that.

**Bonnie Shuker  
Spring Lake**

• To the person who hit a deer in front of my house on Lincoln Street on March 14 and left car pieces in my driveway, which I had to clean up before I could leave that day. Did you even stop to see what damage you did? Be responsible and clean up your own messes from now on.

**Judy Haan  
Grand Haven Township**

## Flowers:

• Thank you to Holland Brewing Co., Budweiser, Dave and Marci for your help with the 100 Bottles of Beer on the Wall Fundraiser. Thank

you to the Eagles, Sweet Temptations (Kelly and Julie), Anything Goes Catering and more for all of your wonderful donations for the Big Buc 29.

**Amy Dalman  
Buccaneer Sports Boosters**

• The Board of Directors of North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club would like to send a bouquet of flowers to a few individuals for their herculean efforts pulling off yet another successful Saturday Youth Winter League with about 92 youngsters participating. Job well done! The board would also like to thank its generous sponsors for their gracious support.

**Board of Directors  
North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club**

• Congratulations to the Grand Haven girls eighth-grade basketball team and their coach on winning their season undefeated, 11-0.

**Terry and Sylvia French  
Grand Haven**

• Flowers to Spring Lake Public Schools for surveying voters and revising the school bond proposal.

**Vicki Barnes  
Spring Lake**

• Thank you, Bob Walma of Walma Compositions, for the amazing video that you produced for our school.

We really appreciate all of the time and effort that you donated to this awesome project.

**Rose Stone  
Mary A. White  
Elementary School**

• Flowers to our Aunt Jean for giving her sister, Pauline Pravda, and our mom a very special 90th birthday party.

**The Pravda kids  
grandkids, great-grandkids  
Grand Haven**

• Sincere thanks to the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department for instructing more than 300 Lakeshore Middle School students on boater safety. Thank you to Deputy Jeffrey Hoogewind, Deputy Curtis White, Deputy Paul VanVelzen and Sgt. Cal Keuning for your service to our school and community.

**Kevin Polston, principal  
Lakeshore Middle School**

• Flowers to Richard Kamischke for his "Your Views" letter, "Sorry to see Cheney again," in Monday's paper. You definitely hit the nail on the head in your critique on Cheney; cherry picking intelligence reports justify war, definite evidence of WMDs, we'd be greeted by liberators, and the Iraqi oil would finance the war (yes, right; how many billions and how many wonderful young

## Periods of adjustment: Downtown Grand Haven

The archives at the Tri-Cities Historical Museum house more than 20,000 photographs; and, as head of curator services for the Grand Haven museum, part of my job is fulfilling requests from individuals who are searching for photos related to a specific topic.

During the past few years, I have browsed through numerous images of downtown Grand Haven, with dates ranging from the late 1800s to the present. Together, these images represent the different purposes our downtown area has served and the ways that it has been transformed over time.

Grand Haven's pioneers settled at the mouth of the Grand River to take advantage

**Jane  
Ladley**

*Community  
Columnist*



one that was clearly focused on benefiting commercial interests.

By the 1870s, rail service moved to the east side of the channel, Muir had given way to a series of commercial fishing shacks and Grand Haven became one of the busiest ports on the Great Lakes.

The health craze of the late 19th century drove countless city dwellers away from large metropolitan areas to small,

services including grocery stores (Van Lopik at 206), hardware stores (Bottje at 108), dry goods stores (Ball Brothers at 201-03), restaurants, and livery stables (Sprik's Livery, corner of Washington and Second).

With the arrival of the Grand Rapids, Grand Haven and Muskegon Railway Interurban, downtown Grand Haven had evolved into a thriving transportation hub that offered a variety of goods and services for the convenience of visitors as local consumers.

Like most small communities, downtown Grand Haven remained a central shopping location through the 1940s and '50s. The shipyards and lumber mills were long

# Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department Incident Report

Administration	Venue <b>47-SL</b>	Incident Type <b>Suspicious</b>	File Class <b>9800-7</b>	Comp # <b>1016-14</b>					
	Location of Incident <b>205 E Exchange St Spring Lake</b>		Date(s) and Time (s) of Incident <b>3-24-14 at 1539 hours</b>						
	Reporting Person (Last, First Middle) <b>McSheehy, Michael Shannon</b>		Address (Street, City, State & Zip) <b>314 N Lake Ave Spring Lake, MI 49456</b>						
Offense	Home Tx <b>708-714-2828</b>	Cell Tx	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	DOB <b>11-23-68</b>	Ethnicity <b>A H <input checked="" type="radio"/> U</b>	Employment/Tx		
	Offense(s) 1. <b>9800-7</b>		Offense Attempted/Completed 1. <b>A</b> 2. <b>AC</b> 3. <b>AC</b>		Offender Suspected of Using <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Equip <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs/Narcotics <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None N/A		Weapon Type (Circle up to three) <input checked="" type="radio"/> None 40 Personal Weapon 12 Handgun 50 Poison 13 Rifle 60 Explosive 14 Shotgun 65 Fire/Incendiary 15 Other Firearm 70 Drugs/Narcotics 20 Knife 85 Asphyxiation 30 Blunt Object 88 Other 35 Motor Vehicle 99 Unknown		
	Location of Offense #1 <b>04</b> #2 _____ #3 _____		Type of Criminal Activity (Circle up to three) B Buying/Receiving C Cultivating/Manuf/Publishing D Distributing/Selling E Exploiting Children O Operating/Promoting/Assisting P Possessing/Concealing T Transport/Transmit/Importing U Using/Consuming		Suspected Bias Motivation <b>00</b>				
Suspect(s)/Arrestee(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest		Connected to Offense # <b>1</b>						
	Name (Last, First Middle) <b>[REDACTED]</b>		Address (Street, City, State, Zip) <b>214 Summit St Spring Lake, MI 49456</b>						
	Home Tx <b>616-425-5262</b>	Cell Tx	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>	DOB <b>[REDACTED]</b>	Ethnicity <b>A H <input checked="" type="radio"/> U</b>	Height <b>5'5"</b>	Weight <b>120</b>	Hair <b>Bro</b>
Suspect was Armed with: (Circle one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unarmed 11 Firearm 12 Handgun 13 Rifle 14 Shotgun 15 Other Firearm 20 Lethal Cutting Instrument 30 Club/Blackjack/Etc.		Type of Arrest (Circle one if arrested) O On View S Arrest at Scene Appearance Citation T Taken Into Custody All Other		Suspect Residence (Circle one) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Resident of City C Resides in County S Resides in State O Out of State U Unknown		Driver's License No. _____ Social Security No. _____ Employment <b>STUD: Lakeshore Middle School</b> Tx _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Arrest		Connected to Offense # _____							
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Reviewed <b>[Signature]</b>	Officer <b>Walsh</b>	Badge # <b>044</b>	Date <b>3-24-14</b>	Time <b>1539 hours</b>					

Incident Type: Suspicious  
Date/Time: 3-24-14 at 1539 hours  
File Class: 9800-7  
Comp #: 1016-14

## Spring Lake/Ferrysburg Police Department Incident Report

Complaint # 1016-14File Class: 9800-7

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**INCIDENT:** Suspicious**DATE AND TIME:** 3/24/14 at 1539 hours

**INFORMATION:** I was dispatched to the Harvest Bible Chapel reference a juvenile with a gun. I arrived on scene and observed a juvenile male later identified as [REDACTED] with what appeared to be a toy gun as he was taking cover behind a pillar. [REDACTED] came out from cover and pointed the gun down the street. He continued to find other cover and point the gun in different directions.

At that point, I observed another juvenile male walking down the sidewalk and just in front of [REDACTED]. The pedestrian stopped in his tracks as [REDACTED] came out of cover and pointed the gun in his direction. After realizing [REDACTED] wasn't a threat, he continued on.

**CONTACT WITH SUSPECT:** I made contact with [REDACTED] and advised him the reason for contact. I asked to inspect his gun and he handed it over to me. The gun was completely plastic and the manufacturers red tip had been broken off. I recognized [REDACTED] from similar scenarios. [REDACTED] had the police called on him approximately two weeks prior when he was seen crossing Lake Ave with a toy rifle.

**CONTACT WITH MOTHER:** I transported [REDACTED] to his address and made contact with his mother identified as Bonnie Shuker. While speaking with Bonnie, I observed several other toy guns on the front porch and all of them had the red tips removed.

I advised Bonnie to either keep all the toy guns without safety tips on her property or have them destroyed for [REDACTED] safety. Bonnie asked if spraying orange paint on the end would prevent neighbors from calling. I advised her it may help, but I couldn't guarantee they still wouldn't call police.

**STATUS:** Closed

Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Walls*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*3-24-14*

<b>Witness(s)</b>	Name (Last, First Middle) <i>Shaker, Bonnie Marie</i>			Address (Street, City, State, Zip) <i>214 Summit St Spring Lake, MI 49456</i>		
	Home Tx <i>616 425 5262</i>	Cell Tx	DOB <i>2-5-66</i>	Place of Employment _____		Work Tx _____
	Name (Last, First Middle)			Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		
	Home Tx	Cell Tx	DOB	Place of Employment		Work Tx
	Name (Last, First Middle)			Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		
	Home Tx	Cell Tx	DOB	Place of Employment		Work Tx
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Code/Type	Qty	Drug Code	Property Class	Property Description - Include Make, Model Size, Type, Serial #, Etc Drugs - Include Type, Quantity and Measurement	Value	Date Recovered Month/Day/Year
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Property Code	Property Type	Property Description Class Table (Enter Number in Code Column Above)	Drug Type
0 None	A Automobile	01 Aircraft	01 "Crack" Cocaine
1 Stolen and Recovered	C Bicycle	02 Alcohol	02 Cocaine
2 Burned	D Drugs	03 Automobiles	03 Hashish
3 Counterfeited/Forged	E Motorcycle	04 Bicycles	04 Heroin
4 Destroyed/Damaged	G Guns	05 Buses	05 Marijuana
5 Recovered	M Other Motored Vehicle	06 Cloths/Furs	06 Morphine
6 Seized	O Other	07 Computer Hardware/Software	07 Opium
7 Stolen	P General Property	08 Consumable Goods	08 Other Narcotic
8 Abandoned Vehicle	S Snowmobile	09 Credit/Debit Cards	09 LSD
9 Unknown	V Other Non-Motored Vehicle	10 Drugs/Narcotics	10 PSP
10 Found	W Watercraft (Boats/Jet ski)	11 Drug/Narcotic Equipment	11 Other Hallucinogen
EVID Evidence		12 Farm Equipment	12 Amphet/Methamphet
OTH Other Non-MICR Reportable Property		13 Firearms	13 Other Stimulant
		14 Gambling Equipment	14 Barbituates
		15 Heavy Construction/Industrial Equipment	15 Other Depressant
		16 Household Goods	16 Other Drug
		17 Jewelry/Precious Metals	16 Other Drug
		18 Livestock	99 Unknown
		19 Merchandise	
		20 Money	
		21 Negotiable Instruments	
		22 Non-Negotiable Instruments	
		23 Office Type Equipment	
		24 Other Motor Vehicles	
		25 Purse/Handbags/Wallet	
		26 Radio/TV/VCR	
		27 Recordings-Audio/Visual	
		28 Recreational Vehicles	
		29 Structures - Single Family	
		30 Struct-Other Dwelling	
		31 Struct-Other Commer Business	
		32 Struct-Industrial/Manufacturing	
		33 Struct-Public/Community	
		34 Struct-Storage	
		35 Struct-Other	
		36 Tools-Power/hand	
		37 Trucks	
		38 Vehicle Parts/Accessories	
		39 Watercraft	
		77 Pending Inventory	
		88 Other	
		99 Special	

<b>Vehicle</b>	(Circle One) Victim/Suspect	Year	Make	Model	Body	Color	License	Year	State	
		VIN						Towed To:		
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**DAY TO SHINE – VOLUNTEER TASK LIST**  
**May 4, 2014 – 10 AM to Noon**  
**Lakeside Beach, Village of Spring Lake**

*All supplies for tasks will be located in Men's Restroom at Lakeside Beach. Bathrooms will be unlocked prior to your arrival. The Village of Spring Lake and the Public Works Department are very thankful for all of your efforts today, making the Village a great place to live and visit...THANK YOU!*

- Rog Belknap, DPW

**A. Task List:**

- Remove sand from sidewalk areas and place back onto beach (build up next to sidewalk)
- Sweep off all concrete areas
- Return stray rocks to seawall
- Pick up stray brush, trash, etc. from beach area (general cleanup)
- Paint (block walls only) in Women's Restroom (white paint provided)
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- Repair/Replace boards and apply deck stain on east side patio (deck stain/boards provided)
- Return tools & equipment to Men's Restroom upon completion...place yard waste bags near bathrooms

**B. Tools & Supplies: to be provided by Village**

- Wheel barrels (as many as available)
- Push broom
- 4-6 Shovels for moving sand back to beach
- Backpack blowers
- 4-6 Plastic rakes
- White Paint for Restrooms
- Several Paint brushes and rollers/pans
- Deck stain
- Several Rollers and pan for deck stain
- Deck boards for replacing missing/broken boards
- Trash bags/Yard waste bags

**C. Preparations: to be completed by Village DPW prior to event**

- Clean bathrooms and prep for painting
- Cut deck boards/repair missing screws
- Deliver tools & supplies to restrooms
- Unlock bathroom doors

# *Economic Development Report*

*By David Miller, Vice President Economic Development*



One South Harbor Drive  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
Phone 616-842-4910

## Chamber activities at a glance

- Chamber activities and events impacted businesses in the following communities during the first Quarter of 2014:
  - City of Grand Haven (11)
  - Grand Haven Charter Twp (3)
  - Spring Lake Twp (4)
  - Spring Lake Village (2)
  - City of Ferrysburg (1)
- Score Counseling sessions (10)
- SBTDCC Counseling sessions (1)

For any additional information please contact the following Chamber staff:

- David Miller, Economic Development 846-3153
- Nancy Manglos, Workforce Development 842-0529
- Pam Blake, Member Services 842-4910

## Economic Outlook

Several employers reported that the fourth quarter of 2013 was soft, while others have reported that 2013 closed out strong. Safe to say that there is some volatility in the market. Similar reports are coming in about the first quarter of 2014. Most businesses that are automotive saw a softening of the market, most likely due to the extreme winter conditions that impacted much of the U.S. Food processing and consumer goods manufacturers continued to see strong sales. On a hopeful note, BIFMA, the business and institutional furniture manufacturers not-for-profit trade association has projected that 2014 will be relatively flat for office furniture makers, but that 2015 should see a strong 10% growth rate. The office furniture industry traditionally lags other industries in a recovery, and they, along with the construction industry have been the two sectors constraining the recovery of the economy. This projected growth is a good indication that the economy is finally on the mend.

## Personal Property Tax (PPT)

Legislators continue to work to fine tune the plan to eliminate the Personal Property Tax in Michigan. The tax, viewed by Governor Snyder as a factor that makes Michigan non-competitive relative to other Midwestern states, is scheduled to be eliminated, pending a vote of the people in August of 2014.

According to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the previous changes made by the Snyder Administration, including the elimination of the Michigan Business Tax made the State of Michigan a more competitive business environment, specifically, they now rank 9th in Business Climate and 12th in their tax rates. Prior to these changes, Michigan ranked 49th in terms of their business climate and their business tax rates. The MEDC

indicates that the elimination of the PPT would move the State of Michigan into the top five nationally both in business climate and business tax rate.

One of the primary concerns is the potential fiscal impact on the local units of government, since it is a tax levied, distributed and spent at the local level. In the end of 2013, the Snyder Administration indicated that they would look at tweaks to the legislation that would be more fair to the local units of government. At that time, local units of government were asked to take a cut of two or three percent in their revenue and the balance would be made up from a portion of the state sales tax. This was the issue that will be on the August 2014 ballot.

In the first quarter of 2014 some of the “tweaks” that the administration was talking about was brought before the State Legislature. The intent of this change was to make the local units completely whole. The 2013 legislation allowed local units to request that voters approve a local emergency services millage to make up for the lost revenue from the elimination of the PPT.

The most significant change is that the state would levy a statewide emergency services mileage that would be collected by the state, but then distributed back to the local units of government, thereby making them whole, and not requiring them to either collect the new tax or pass a local mileage. This proposed legislation still has not been signed into law.

## Lakeshore 504

The 20 year rate for 504 loans in March was **5.29%** and the 10 year rate was **4.48%**. After seeing rates climb by over a point in the last six months of 2013, rates have stabilized and even fallen a little in the first quarter of 2014.

### 504 Activity

As of February 28th, marking end of the fifth month of FY 2014 SBA 504 lending was off by 23% Nation-wide, according to the SBA. This downward trend in 504 lending has been felt by the Lakeshore 504 as well, with significantly fewer loans originated year over year. There remains a great amount of industry interest in the SBA 504 refinance

program, which remains tied up in budgetary discussions in Washington D.C. There are several proposals to try to get the 504 refinance provision approved on a permanent basis. This would open up more long-term financing for businesses, as well as increase the volume of loans done by the Lakeshore 504.

### Spotlight on Entrepreneurs

On Friday, March 7th at the Trillium Events Center, a group gathered to celebrate Entrepreneurs. This event included a panel of entrepreneurs who shared war stories and best practices about their experiences as entrepreneurs.

On the panel were:

- Paul Borum, A & B Machining
- Greg Slater, CCS Technologies
- Chris Kelly, Parmenter O'Toole
- Hobie Thrasher, Thrasher Restaurant Consulting

The panel was moderated by Jim Bishop from the Bank of Holland. Each of the

panelists is a current customer of the Lakeshore 504 and has used the SBA 504 loan program to grow their business. The use of the SBA 504 loan program was discussed as a factor in each of their success. Since Lakeshore 504's inception in 1983, the organization has lent over **98 million dollars** in loans to over **230 small** business owners **creating over 1,500 jobs**.

### Regional Economic Forecast

On Tuesday, February 4th, George Erickcek from the WE Upjohn Institute for Employment Research gave the 2014 Economic Forecast for Northwest Ottawa County. The forecast indicated that the economy had shown great improvements, better even than he had predicted in 2012.

### “Turn The Ship Around”

On Tuesday, February 18th at the Spring Lake Country Club, David Marquet, a retired Captain in the U.S. Navy gave a half day workshop on leadership development. Captain Marquet had been the skipper of a nuclear submarine that had the worst rating in the Pacific fleet. Using the leadership techniques that he presented in the workshop, he was able to develop his staff and

“turned the ship around” making them the highest rated sub in the Pacific fleet.

The workshop included anecdotes as well as table exercises designed to help attendees incorporate the different leadership styles in their own organization. Over three hundred people attended the workshop.

### County BRA

In the first quarter of 2014 David Miller was appointed to the Ottawa County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as well as the Economic Development Corporation as a Board Member. The County BRA was recently awarded \$400,000 by the U.S. EPA for environmental assessment work. David is already on the Ottawa County Michigan Works! Board of Directors. The goal is to bring as many resources to Northwest Ottawa County as possible.



# SPRING LAKE DISTRICT LIBRARY

*Growing with our community for over 150 years*

March 18, 2014

Village of Spring Lake

MAR 20 2014

Received

Village Manager Christine Burns  
Village of Spring Lake  
102 W. Savidge Street  
Spring Lake, MI 49456

Dear Village Manager Burns,

Spring Lake District Library is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" on April 2, 2014. Spring Lake District Library is one of only 50 libraries in the United States selected to host the traveling exhibition, which was organized by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Chicago. The exhibit will be on display at the library until June 13, 2014.

Based upon an original interactive exhibit developed by the National Constitution Center, this traveling version explores Lincoln's struggle to resolve the basic questions that divided Americans at the most perilous moment in the nation's history: Was the United States truly one nation, or was it a confederacy of sovereign and separate states? How could a country founded on the belief that "all men are created equal" tolerate slavery? In a national crisis, would civil liberties be secure? President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. Lincoln's decisions about these three intertwined crises of war reinvented the Constitution and the promise of American life. This exhibition develops a more complete understanding of Abraham Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation's gravest constitutional crisis.

The "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" traveling exhibition is made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): great ideas brought to life.

We would like to invite you to the opening lecture of the series designed to complement the exhibition. Gleaves Whitney, the Director of the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies at Grand Valley State University, will be the guest speaker on Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. Information about additional lectures in the series is included. Please contact me at 616.846.5770, ext. 107 or at [splld@llcoop.org](mailto:splld@llcoop.org) if you have questions.

We hope you can join us as we introduce this exciting exhibition to our community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Donner  
Community Services Librarian

Enclosure

Member of Lakeland Library Cooperative  
123 East Exchange Street • Spring Lake, Michigan 49456  
616/846-5770 • Fax: 616/844-2129 • [spl@llcoop.org](mailto:spl@llcoop.org)

View

“Lincoln:

The Constitution and  
the Civil War” exhibit

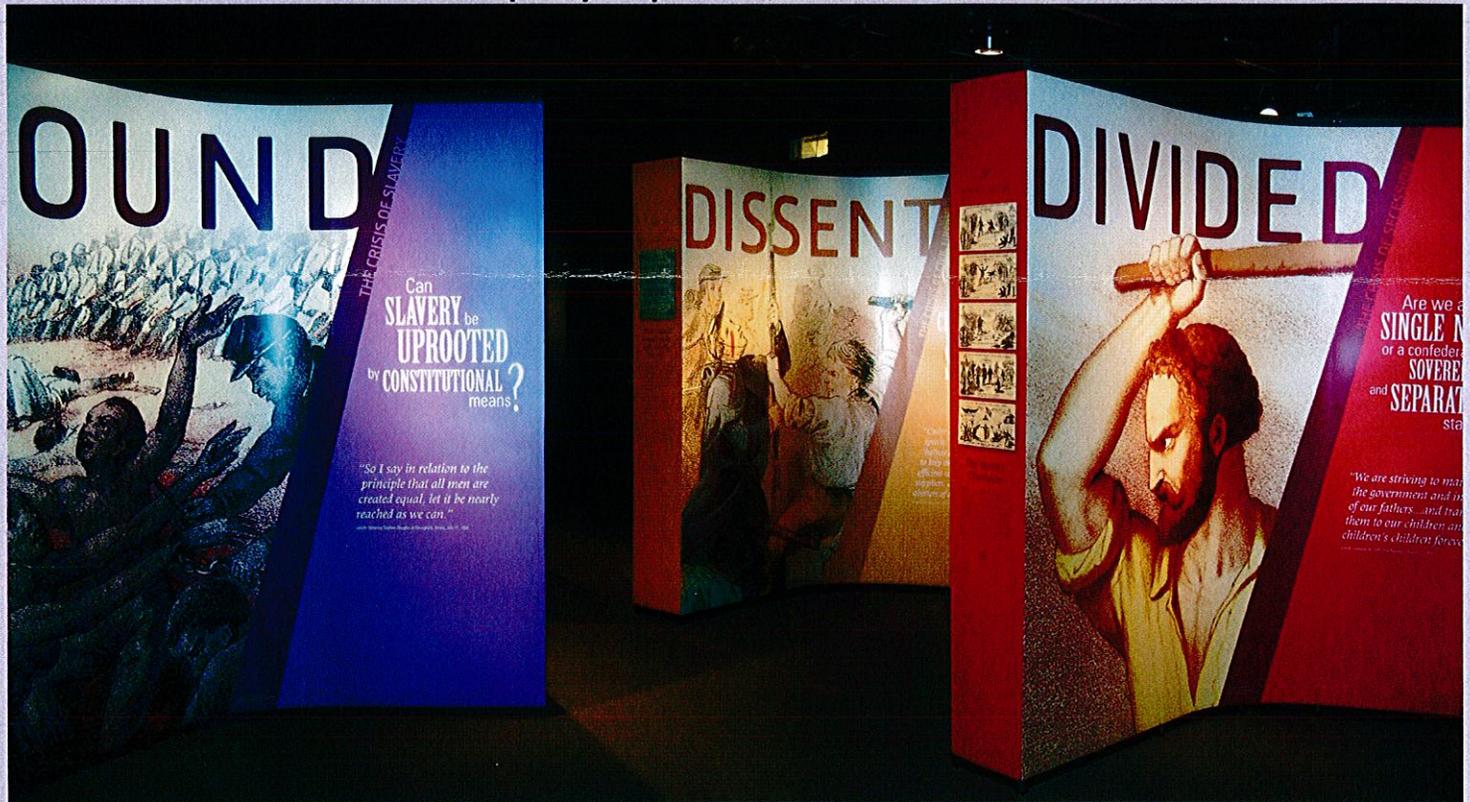
Enjoy

the complementary  
programming

Engage

in discussions with  
family and friends

Exhibit on display April 2, 2014 - June 13, 2014



### Spring Lake District Library Lincoln Program Series

- April 7 7:00 pm *The Most Unlikely Person Ever to Reach the White House: Abraham Lincoln* with Gleaves Whitney, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies Director
- April 23 7:00 pm *Civil War Letters* with historian and author Dr. Wallace K. Ewing
- April 27 2:30 pm *Abraham Lincoln in Song* with singer/songwriter Chris Vallillo
- May 21 7:00 pm *Road to Emancipation Proclamation* with re-enactors Fred & Bonnie Priebe
- May 19 6:00 pm *The Road to Andersonville* documentary and commentary by Dr. David Schock
- May 28 7:00 pm *Civil War Nurse Annie Etheridge* told by the Butgereit family, History Remembered
- June 3 7:00 pm *Lincoln & the Constitution* with Devin Schindler J. D., Constitutional Law Specialist



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Spring Lake  
District Library



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**State of Michigan**  
**Department of Environmental Quality**

Water Resources Division  
Grand Rapids District Office  
350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10  
Grand Rapids MI, 49503-2316  
616-356-0500

File Number 13-70-0173-P

Date: March 10, 2014

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Spring Lake Yacht Club, Attention: Kyle Verplank, PO Box 444, Spring Lake, MI 49456, has applied to this office for a permit under authority of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The applicant proposes to remove, redesign, and replace the current facilities at the Spring Lake Yacht Club for the purpose of improving the accessibility and use of the facilities.

The following docks shall be removed (from west to east): a 76-foot long by 3.5-foot wide dock; a T-shaped dock 100 feet long by 3 feet wide with a perpendicular section 40 feet long by 3 feet wide; a western perpendicular extension off of the dock near the beach and playground, approximately 80 feet long by 6.5 feet wide with two perpendicular finger piers; one 40-foot long by 3-foot wide and the other 43 feet long by 2 feet wide. The eastern perpendicular extension shall remain, but the two perpendicular finger piers shall be removed. One pier is 40 feet long by 3.5 feet wide, and the other is 70 feet long by 7 feet wide.

The following docks are proposed (from west to east): extend the existing 75-foot long by 5.6-foot wide dock by 60 feet for a final length of 135 feet; install a floating pier 186 feet long by 6 feet wide with an ADA-accessible gangway (50 feet long by 5 feet wide) terminating at a perpendicular 275-foot long by 8-foot wide wave attenuator; install a 15-foot extension to the 100.1-foot long by 3-foot wide existing dock near the beach and playground; and an 8.5-foot long by 5-foot wide articulating stairway terminating at a perpendicular 380-foot long by 8-foot wide wave attenuator that angles slightly shoreward east of the boat launch and parking area.

The following three existing dock structures on the easternmost side of the project will remain (from west to east): a 92.5-foot long by 5-foot wide dock; a 25.3-foot long by 3.4-foot wide dock; and a 26.2-foot long by 3.4-foot long dock.

Three seasonal boat hoists are proposed to be installed: an 8-foot wide by 8-foot long hoist and 10-foot wide by 10-foot long hoist on the east side of the westernmost dock; and a 10-foot by 10-foot hoist on the west side of the easternmost dock.

Three steel launch ramps shall be extended from the existing 40-foot long by 6-foot wide structures to 60 feet long by 6 feet wide. Relocate two of the three steel launch ramps from existing docks (to be removed) to both sides of the proposed 186-foot by 6-foot floating dock. Relocate an existing davit, with a 12-foot radius 10 feet to the east. Install a 134-foot long by 8- to 15-foot high vertical wood wave baffle on the western side of the westernmost dock.

Mechanically and hydraulically dredge an area 100 feet long by 70 feet wide to a depth of 571 feet, NAVD 88, and remove approximately 1,000 cubic yards of material from the boat launch area. Up to 3 feet of spoils shall be placed in a 75-foot long by 125-foot wide swim area on the eastern side of the project. Maintenance dredging of approximately 500 cubic yards is proposed for a total volume of 1,500 cubic yards over the 5-year permit cycle. Any additional spoils from maintenance dredging shall be disposed of within the aforementioned beach area or in an upland, non-wetland location onsite. The project is located in T8N, R16W, Section 15, Village of Spring Lake, Ottawa County, Michigan.

## THIS NOTICE IS NOT A PERMIT

The proposed project may also be regulated by one or more additional parts of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), that are administered by the Water Resources Division. The requirements of all applicable parts are considered in determining if it is in the public interest to issue a permit.

When a permit application is received requesting authorization to work in or over the inland waters of the State of Michigan, pursuant to Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the NREPA, the NREPA provides that the department submit copies for review to the department of public health, the city, village or township, and the county where the project is to be located, the local soil conservation district, any local watershed council organized under Part 311, Local River Management, and the local port commission. Additional notification is provided to certain persons as required by statute or determined by the department.

Those persons wanting to make comments on the proposed project shall furnish this office with their written comments no later than 20 days from the date of this notice. Written comments will be made part of the record and should reference the above file number. Objections must be factual, specific, and fully describe the reasons upon which any objection is founded. Unless a written request is filed with the department within the 20-day public comment period, the department may make a decision on the application without a public hearing. The determination as to whether a permit will be issued or a public hearing held will be based on evaluation of all relevant factors defined in Sections 30106 and 30311, or permit criteria defined by other appropriate parts of the NREPA. These Sections address the effect of the proposed work on the public trust or interest including navigation, fish, wildlife, and water quality among other criteria. Public comments received will also be considered.

The entire copy of the public notice package may be viewed at the Department of Environmental Quality (address listed on the top of this public notice), or on-line at <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/lwmpnh/>. To access the public notice package on-line, enter the file number on the left panel and view by clicking on the icon next to the public notice date. Comments may be sent electronically by clicking on the icon next to the comment period date. A hard copy of the public notice may be requested by calling the above number or by e-mailing [deq-wrd-jointpermit@michigan.gov](mailto:deq-wrd-jointpermit@michigan.gov).

cc: Spring Lake Yacht Club, applicant  
DNR, Wildlife, Nik Kalejs  
Ottawa County Clerk  
Ottawa County Drain Commissioner  
Local Postmaster  
USACE  
DEQ, RRD Sites 70-23, 41, 321, and 327

DNR, Fisheries, Jay Wesley  
Ottawa County Health Department  
Village of Spring Lake Clerk  
Ottawa Conservation District  
See file for adjacent property owners  
Edgewater Resources, LLC, agent  
DEQ, District Coordinator, Heidi Hollenbach



MINUTES  
Monday March 17, 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 7:13 p.m.), Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: Meyers

Motion by VanStrate, support from Miller, to excuse the absence of Council Members Bill Meyers.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

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

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**5. Consent Agenda**

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 55136-55234) in the amount of \$162,391.18.

B. Approved 21 budget adjustments for FY 2013-2014.

C. Approved the purchase of a backflow testing device from Midwest

Instrument in an amount not to exceed \$840.00.

- D. Approved the sale of surplus equipment (handguns) in the amount of \$400 each.
- E. Approved the support of the 3rd annual Grand River GreenUp on April 19, 2014.
- F. Approved a proposal from LIAA for the purpose of conducting stakeholder interviews and gathering information for a regional arts, culture and recreation framework.
- G. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Spring Lake Township regarding a proposed bike path millage.
- H. Approved a letter of support for a MDNRTF application submitted by Grand Haven Township.
- I. Approved a letter of support for a MDNRTF application submitted by Crockery Township.
- J. Approved a working holiday (4 hours) on Friday, April 18, 2014 for office staff.
- K. Approved the minutes for the February 17, 2014 regular Village Council meeting.

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

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**6. General Business**

- A. Held a Public Hearing and subsequently adopted an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 67, A Tax Exemption Ordinance (PILOT).

Subject: Due to several issues on the MSHDA application for tax credits, it is necessary to amend the ordinance that was adopted in May 2013 that addresses the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Mill

Point Senior Housing.

President MacLachlan opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

Ms. Elizabeth Wheeler asked for an explanation of the ordinance change. Village Attorney Bob Sullivan explained that it allowed for Spring Lake Township to be the collecting agency of the fees from the project, rather than the Village.

On a motion by Bennett, support from Miller, the Village Council closed the public hearing at 7:11p.m.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

On a motion by Bennett, support from Miller, the Village Council approved the ordinance amendment for Chapter 67, A Tax Exemption Ordinance.

Yes: 5                      No: 0

**B. Barber School Carpet Bids**

Subject: The FY13-14 budget allocates funds for replacement of flooring at the Barber School Community Building. Staff received 3 sealed bids. Staff recommends accepting the bid from Builders Floor Covering at a cost of \$8,136.99, allowing the Historic Conservation Commission to recommend a color selection on both carpet and tile.

On a motion by Powers, support from Bennett, to approve the low bid for flooring from Builders Floor Covering in an amount not to exceed \$8,136.99.

Yes: 6                      No: 0

**C. Intergovernmental Police Services Agreement**

Subject: Over the course of the past year, the Village's Finance Committee and the Police Commission have been in discussions with the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety (GHDPs) and

the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) regarding contractual police protection. These discussions were essential as the intergovernmental agreement between the two communities expires on 06/30/14 and the legacy costs associated with maintaining our current structure are unsustainable long term. Village Manager Christine Burns will be meeting with the POLC union late Friday afternoon. Additional discussions regarding this agreement will take place at the Police Commission meeting scheduled for March 17, 2014.

Recommendation: Both the Police Commission and Finance Committee recommend contracting with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department due mainly to the Defined Contribution Plan offered by the County, rather than the Defined Benefit Plan offered by the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety. Village Council concurred.

**7. Department Reports**

- A. Village Manager
- B. Clerk/Treasurer
- C. DPW
- D. Sewer
- E. Code

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

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

Village President Jim MacLachlan noted that due to the exceptionally hard winter and lack of enforcement of the sidewalk snow removal ordinance, he recommends budgeting for staff and equipment to perform sidewalk snow removal for all property owners in future years. It is unsafe for pedestrians to have to walk in the street and that is what is happening in certain areas of the Village.

**10. Status Report: Village Attorney - none.**

**11. Statement of Citizens**

**Joyce Hatton**, 400Lakeview, stated that she is very pleased with

Council's discussion regarding the police department. The savings associated with the structural change are significant and she commended the Council for making some tough decisions.

**Jeff Ferguson** , 232 E. Exchange, asked what would happen to Police Clerk Lori Spelde with the contractual arrangement? VM Burns stated that she would stay on as a full-time employee of the Village. Mr. Ferguson stated that he, too, appreciated Council's efforts knowing that it is a complex matter.

**Elizabeth Wheeler**, 120 N. Lake, wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. Ms. Wheeler is extremely happy with the direction of the conversations about the Police Department. She had concerns about getting out of a contract if things didn't go how Council envisioned. She supports what Ms. Hatton stated earlier in the public comment. Ms. Wheeler felt that the Village could "pad our pockets" by simply issuing tickets to all the violators on Savidge. The police could make some money if they could lean a little harder on those violators.

## 12. Adjournment

On a motion by VanStrate, support from Miller, the Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Yes: 6 No: 0

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James MacLachlan, Village President

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Christine Burns, Village Manager