

MINUTES

**Monday March 16, 2015
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, Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: Meyers

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Miller**, to excuse the absence of Council Member **Meyers**.

Yes: 6 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

Yes: 6 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 56434-56519) in the amount of \$125,160.51.

B. Approved the minutes for the February 16, 2015 Council meeting.

C. Approved a request from Courtyard Concerts for use of the parking lot next to Seven Steps Up on September 13, 2015 for a concert.

D. Approved the following people to the Friends of Barber School Committee:

Name	Residency	Term Ending
Stacy VenHuizen	SLV	11/2019
Karyn Streeting	SLV	11/2018
Traci Boon*	SLV	11/2017
Diane Schindlbeck	SLT	11/2019
Carol Michaels	SLT	11/2018

*Traci Boon's application was received after the work session; it is included for Council review. Some initial terms are less than 4 years in order to get the terms staggered.

E. Approved the following people to the Beautification Committee:

Name	Residency	Term Ending
Darcy Dye	SLV	11/2019
Christine Miller	SLV	11/2019

F. Approved the diagnosis of the Holiday Inn lift station generator for an amount not to exceed \$1,200.

G. Approved budget amendments as presented as part of the agenda packet.

H. Approved Resolution 2015-06, a Resolution adopting amendments to the Village's Investment Policy.

I. Approved a \$1,200 expenditure with MERS to perform a projection study on division 01 and division 10.

J. Approved the release of \$142 from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to the Heritage Festival for "Thursdays at the Point."

K. Approved Resolution 2015-07, a Resolution of support for a MDNRTF grant application on behalf of Crockery Township.

L. Approved Resolution 2015-08, a Resolution of support for a MDNRTF grant application for the Central Park Improvement Project.

On a motion by **Nauta**, seconded by **Miller**, to approve the consent agenda.

Yes: 6 No: 0

6. General Business

A. Grand Haven Area Community Foundation – Central Park

Restoration Grants

The GHACF Youth Advisory Council (YAC) has awarded the Village \$5,000 for the Central Park Restoration Project. The Marion A. & Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund as well as the Greatest Needs Fund & Fluor-Swartz Memorial Fund have awarded a combination of \$30,000 for the same project.

President **MacLachlan** introduced this item and Manager **Burns** explained that these grants came in after the Work Session so she did not put them on the Consent Agenda but would like the Council to consider them at this time.

Motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Miller**, to approve two grant agreements for the respective grants.

Yes: 6 No: 0

B. Award Construction Bid for River Street Lift Station

On March 12, sealed bids for the River Street Lift Station were opened at 10:00 AM at Village Hall; four certified bids were received. The Village's Consulting Engineer recommends awarding the project to lowest bid Jack Dykstra Excavating at \$199,600.30. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$223,989.11, which is a difference of \$24,388.81. Bid tabulation and Engineer's recommendation are attached.

President **MacLachlan** introduced this item and Manager **Burns** explained that DPW Director, Roger **Belknap**, was present to answer any questions that Council might have and noted that this bid was about \$24,000 less than the engineering estimate. **Burns** added that the sewer fund does have the money to cover the cost of the repair to a lift station but by doing so, would take the fund down considerably and if anything came up, such as the W. Savidge Street project, they would have to do repairs and maintenance to limp along until something could be done with the TIF dollars that would be collected later on in the year.

Belknap explained that the bid process was handled by engineers at Moore & Bruggink and that Moore and Bruggink has worked with Jack Dykstra on projects in other communities and that their low bid was well qualified and that they would do an excellent job. **Belknap** assured the Council he would keep them apprised of the project schedule with his department reports.

Bennett asked how many bids had been received and if any others were below the estimated cost. **Belknap** said they had received four (4) bids

and only one was above the estimated cost and that all bids were consistent with how they bid the project.

On a motion by **Bennett**, seconded by **Nauta**, to award the bid for River Street Lift Station reconstruction to Jack Dykstra Excavating at a cost not to exceed \$199,600.30.

Yes: 6 No: 0

7. Department Reports

A. Village Manager

Manager **Burns** had one additional item and reported that the numbers for Central Park were looking very good and that the Community Foundation had been extremely generous with this project and that just over \$80,000 has been raised of the \$300,000 they were looking for. **Burns** said they would be canvassing the community for donations very soon. **Burns** also said they were waiting on a number of other foundations for donations.

B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

President **MacLachlan** commended Finance Director, Marv **Hinga**, for reducing banking fees by consolidating accounts and negotiating lower fees with the deposit institutions, cutting costs by about 70%.

C. OCSO

D. 911

E. DPW

F. Minutes from Various Board & Committees

1. Parks & Recreation

2. Planning Commission

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

No old business to discuss at this time.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

No new business to discuss at this time.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney

No report from the Village Attorney.

11. Statement of Citizens

The following citizens spoke to Council with concerns of excessive traffic with regards to the Spring Lake Wesleyan Church's proposed access driveway on S. Fruitport Road and asked Council to please not allow this driveway to be created.

- Rita Braun, 121 S. Fruitport Road
- Idea Belle Curry, 206 S. Fruitport Road
- Kevin Moon, 210 S. Fruitport Road
- David Dye, 114 N. Fruitport Road
- Elliot Grysen, 806 River Street
- Tim Foster, 114 S. Fruitport Road
- Art Bolt, 826 River Street
- Darcy Dye, 114 N. Fruitport Road
- Cal Braun, 121 S. Fruitport Road

Lee Schuitema, 408 W. Exchange, also spoke saying that he had been to all of the Council work sessions and meetings and that the subject of the Wesleyan Church's driveway had not been discussed.

President **MacLachlan** noted that this was not a public hearing and they were not there to debate but rather to accept the comments from citizens and appreciate and are very sympathetic to their concerns. President **MacLachlan** also said there was a misconception that something has been approved or been done, but that Council has not discussed this or had any vote on it or had a public hearing on it. President **MacLachlan** told the residents that this would be discussed thoroughly by the Council as a whole.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by **VanStrate**, seconded by **Nauta**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

James MacLachlan, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk