

MINUTES

Monday April 20, 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 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Bennett, MacLachlan, Meyers, Miller, Powers (7:10), Van Strate.

Absent: Nauta

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

Yes: 5 No: 0

4. Approval of the Agenda

On a motion by **Van Strate**, seconded by **Meyers**, to approve the agenda removing item 6D at this time.

Yes: 5 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 56520 - 56612) in the amount of \$162,396.21.

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

C. Approved budget amendments as presented.

D. Approved a motion awarding a contract to Accurate Excavators to pave Alloys Alley for an amount not to exceed \$38,265.00.

- E. Approved a motion awarding a contract to Tiles Excavating for repairs to a catch basin behind Village Hall for an amount not to exceed \$6,650.00.
- F. Approved the purchase of a Ventura Crane Model #CT2003FB from Arista Truck Systems for an amount not to exceed \$3,532.00.
- G. Approved the appointment of the following people to boards and committees:

	<u>Term Expiring</u>
<u>ZBA</u>	
Ernie Petrus	11/2018
Lee Schuitema	11/2018

<u>Beautification</u>	
Chip Bohnhoff	11/2018
Adam Winters	11/2018
Dr. Sylvia Ruscett	11/2017
Don Bixeman	11/2017

<u>Development Area Citizens Council</u>	
Jan Esh	12/2015
Renee McCulloch	12/2015

- H. Approved a contract with Strain Electric to install fiber optic cable to Spring Lake Village Hall in an amount not to exceed \$15,235.00.
- I. Approved a two-year contract with Precision Concrete Cutting for sidewalk trip hazard removal for an amount not to exceed \$12,249 over the course of two years.

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

Yes: 5 No: 0

6. General Business

A. Presentation – You Make the Difference Award

Last year, Village resident Don Bixeman (504 River) approached the Village about doing volunteer handyman-type work. Since his request was granted, Don has painted the gas meter on the east side of Village Hall, re-stained all the doors at Village Hall, power-washed the flower pots in front of Village Hall (as well as the bricks). Last fall, he painted the

Village sign at the corner of M-104 & Jackson Street and over the winter, he painted the signs at Whistle Stop Park and Lakeside Trail. These are projects that all desperately needed to be done, but were not in the budget. To pay a contractor would have cost the Village thousands of dollars. As you can see by the enclosed photos, Don does wonderful work. It would be fitting to acknowledge his countless volunteer hours that have benefited the Village enormously.

Manager **Burns** introduced Mr. Don Bixeman and President **MacLachlan** presented him with a You Make The Difference Award in acknowledgement of his countless volunteer hours, dedication to the Village and wonderful workmanship.

B. Presentation – County Commissioner Roger Bergman

Ottawa County Commissioner, Roger Bergman, presented Council with an annual update on the County, sharing goals, millage rates, tax rates, road millage, as well as County accomplishments. Commissioner Bergman also shared their challenge with cutbacks from the State of Michigan in the area of mental health and Medicare causing staff cutbacks and services to be reduced.

C. Presentation – Fire Chief Brian Sipe

Fire Chief, Brian Sipe presented Council with the Fire Department's Annual Report highlighting the departments strategic planning session through which they were able to identify some key opportunities and create a business plan. Chief Sipe also shared that last October they were able to save a gentleman that had gone into cardiac arrest at Joe's Auto Parts and that five days later the gentleman showed up to thank the Department for saving his life. Chief Sipe also reported that one of their trucks that was due to be replaced ten years ago is now at the point where it is beyond repair.

D. Budget Discussion

With some extensive reworking of the General Fund budget comes some additional review time by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will be meeting again on 04/20/15 and are recommending a special budget work session on 04/27/15. If we cannot get a quorum present on the 27th, we will need to select a different date. Please bring your calendars with you to the Council Meeting for further discussion.

Manager Burns explained to Council this meeting would be to do an extensive review of not only the general fund but all funds budget related.

Council set the meeting date of Monday, April 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs conference room for a special budget work session.

7. Department Reports

A. Village Manager

Manager Burns shared with Council that she had some really nice pictures of the Arbor Day Celebration for them to review.

B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

C. Ottawa County Sheriff's Office

D. Fire

E. DPW

DPW Director, Roger **Belknap**, reported on the sidewalk washout at Lakeside Beach and the cost of repair. **Belknap** also reported that their department had 43 requests for Miss Dig stakings, 2 sewer calls, 5 coordinated water utility service line replacements and the River Street lift station had issues again but was up and running again. **Belknap** also shared that the Village has partnered with Ottawa County in regards to digital mapping of all infistructure.

F. Building

G. Water

H. Sewer

Manager Burns shared that the water/sewer bills that went out last week had information on the front in Latin and an old Crosswinds on the back. **Burns** assured everyone that the actual water/sewer bill portion was correct and that a new Crosswinds and an apology from the printing company would be mailed soon at no cost to the Village.

I. Tanglefoot Park

Manager Burns shared that Tanglefoot Park is now open.

J. 911

K. Minutes from Various Board & Committees

1. Planning Commission

2. Downtown Development Authority

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

Council Member **Meyers** asked where the wetland mitigation stood. Manager **Burns** explained that this was not budgeted for in this fiscal year but would be in the budget for next fiscal year so the mitigation would not take place until at least July 1, 2015.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

No new business to discuss at this time.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney

No report from the Village Attorney.

11. Statement of Citizens

Mr. Wally Obits, 818 River Street, spoke regarding his concerns with traffic on River Street and S Fruitport Road with the proposed access in and out of All Shores Wesleyan Church.

Mr. Tom Craig, 319 Mark Street, asked what was happening with the old Braak's Bakery building and a proposed restaurant and also about a proposed Dutch Girl Brewery at the other end of town. President **MacLachlan** asked Mr. Craig if he could stay to the end of the meeting and Manager **Burns** could fill him in on what she knew regarding these proposed projects.

Rita Braun, 121 S. Fruitport Road, added her concerns to Mr. Obits regarding the traffic on River Street and Fruitport Road from the proposed access to All Shores Wesleyan Church.

Kevin Moon, 210 S Fruitport Road, also spoke about his concerns with the access to All Shores Wesleyan Church and asked why they have not heard anything from the Village regarding this issue.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by **Van Strate**, seconded by **Miller**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

James MacLachlan, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk