



MINUTES

Monday December 21, 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: Doss, MacLachlan, Miller, Nauta, Powers, Van Strate.

Absent: None

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by **Nauta**, second from **Doss**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 6 No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 57283-57388) in the amount of \$307,162.40.
- B. Approved the minutes for the November 16, 2015 regular Council meeting.
- C. Approved SCADA upgrades by Jack Dykstra Excavating for five sewer lift stations in an amount not to exceed \$22,000.
- D. Approved engineering costs for SCADA upgrades by Moore & Bruggink for five sewer lift stations in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.
- E. Approved budget amendments for fiscal year 2015/2016.
- F. Approved a strategic planning/goal setting meeting on January 30, 2016 utilizing the services of Al Vanderberg and Keith VanBeek from Ottawa County.

- G. Approved the proposed 2016 meeting schedule.
- H. Approved an agreement with the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to manage funds for the Whistle Stop Playground Capital Campaign.
- I. Approved the use of Barber School by Theresa Lahring pending receipt of an insurance waiver.

Motion by **Nauta**, second from **Miller**, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Yes: 6 No: 0

6. General Business

A. Presentation to Outgoing Council Member Bill Meyers

Council Member Bill Meyers tendered his resignation from Council. It was fitting that he be recognized for his service to the Village of Spring Lake. State Representative Amanda Price was not able to attend on behalf of Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof so President **MacLachlan** presented Mr. Meyers with a You Make the Difference Award and a Resolution of Appreciation from the State of Michigan for his years of service and dedication to the Village of Spring Lake since he was sworn in on January 9, 2012. President **MacLachlan** told Mr. Meyers what a pleasure it had been, that he would be missed and his shoes would be hard to fill. President **MacLachlan** introduced Mr. Meyers wife Nancy and thanked her also.

B. Appointment of a New Council Member

Five Council Members were present at the Work Session on December 14, 2015 when Mr. Joel **Tepaste** was interviewed. All five unanimously agreed that Mr. Joel **Tepaste** would be a great fit to serve on Council. His appointment will run through 2016.

Motion by **Miller**, seconded from **Nauta**, to appoint Mr. Joel Tepaste to the Village Council.

Yes: 6 No: 0

Village Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director Marvin **Hinga** issued the Oath of Office to new Village Council Member Joel **Tepaste**.

Mr. **Tepaste** introduced his wife, daughter and grandson.

C. Economic Development

Mr. Dave Miller, Vice President of Economic Development for the Chamber of Commerce, was present to discuss the 2015 Economic Development Report.

President **MacLachlan** introduced this item and Manager **Burns** gave a brief overview.

Mr. Miller explained that the Chamber offers business startup assistance by holding free business counseling sessions for individuals and businesses from Northwest Ottawa County as well as offer loan assistance. Mr. Miller also explained that this year the Chamber implemented the SNAP program (Bridge Card) at both the Grand Haven and Spring Lake Farmers Markets along with the Double Up Food Bucks program which matches up to \$20 of Bridge card purchases at the Farmers Market through a grant program. Mr. Miller reported that the value of the Double Up Food Bucks was \$2,850 through October 3, 2015 and the total dollar value of these two programs was \$5,742. Mr. Miller said in the Buy Local Program for 2014/15, over \$162,000 was spent locally through the use of Dune Dollars, The Chambers gift certificate program. Mr. Miller also shared that the annually held Lubbers Cup Regatta on Spring Lake, this year, brought 528 student athletes from 11 schools, as well as an estimated 1,500 spectators to the area and the financial impact from this event has been calculated at \$200,500 including \$82,450 on lodging, \$92,000 on food and \$24,100 on gas to local businesses.

President **MacLachlan** said that he had enjoyed the ribbon cuttings recently at the newly opened Biggby Coffee and Gem Source. **MacLachlan** also mentioned the new Small Town Sandwich Shop and the newly relocated and expanded travel agency. **MacLachlan** said there was new construction of an addition at Mill Pointe Station and the construction of the new Fire Station has started. **MacLachlan** said these were exciting times in the Village and thanked Mr. Miller for the help The Chamber has been able to give the Village.

Nauta thanked The Chamber for their work on the Grant for Isabel's House.

7. Department Reports
 - A. Village Manager
 - B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director
 - C. OCSO
 - D. Fire
 - E. 911
 - F. DPW

G. Water

H. Sewer

I. Minutes from Various Board & Committees

1. Parks & Recreation

2. Planning Commission

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

There was no old business at this time.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

There was no new business at this time.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney

Attorney **Sullivan** said that he had missed the publishing deadline for the synopsis for the Ordinance to approve readopting the 4th Amendment to the Restated and Amended DDA and TIF District. **Sullivan** said that he would need a motion from Council to readopt the Ordinance so that it could be published within the 15 day deadline in accordance with the Village Charter.

Motion by **Nauta**, second from **Doss**, to readopt the Ordinance approving the 4th Amendment to the Downtown District Development Authority and TIF Financing document.

Yes: 7

No: 0

Attorney **Sullivan** said the second issue was with respects to the next phase which was an amendment to the boundaries. **Sullivan** said the boundaries need to be slightly amended and that process was the same as if a new district was being created. **Sullivan** said that at the January meeting Council would need to approve a resolution of intent to reaffirm the DDA and to outline the new boundaries and schedule a public hearing. **Sullivan** said there were several hoops to jump through but he thought they could be completed so that the public hearing could occur at the February meeting. **Sullivan** said the difference between what Council just approved and what they will do was there was an opt out provision under the law where there was a 60 day period for the taxing jurisdictions to be able to appeal and determine if they want to opt out of the district. **Sullivan** said that at the conclusion of the 60 day period then Council would make a decision as to whether or not to change the boundaries and that could occur at the April 18th meeting.

11. Statement of Citizens

Mr. Bill Meyers said he wanted to thank President MacLachlan and everyone

attending for presenting and giving him the award of recognition. Mr. Meyers said it was greatly appreciated and that it had been a very interesting experience serving on Council over the last 4 years. Mr. Meyers said it had been a time of transition and a lot of things had gone on that he never would have guessed would happen but he thought the Village came out for the better. Mr. Meyers thanked his wife Nancy for listening to him crumble after every meeting and also thanked Village and DPW staff and said they were on the front lines and rarely got recognition. Mr. Meyers then thanked Village Manager Chris Burns and Clerk/Treasurer Marv Hinga saying they were 2 of the finest people he had ever had the honor of working with and thanked Attorney Sullivan and his ex-fellow Council Members saying it was a thankless job but it had its rewards and the rewards were seeing the good things come to the Village and he was happy to have been a part of it.

Barbara Lee, Director of Extended Grace, invited Council to a Town Hall meeting on mental illness co-sponsored by Ottawa County and North Ottawa Community Health Care System on January 11, 2016 from 6:30 to 9:00 at the Grand Haven Community Center.

Lee Schuitema thanked Mr. Meyers for his time on Council and also commented on the sad state of the mental health system.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by **VanStrate**, seconded by **Doss**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

James MacLachlan, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk