

MINUTES

**Monday April 18, 2016
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, Tepastte, Van Strate.

Absent: Manager Burns

4. Approval of the Agenda

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

Yes: 7

No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 57694-57768) in the amount of \$129,379.08.

B. Approved the minutes for the March 21, 2016 regular Council meeting.

C. Approved the Adopt-a-Garden proposal by Dr. Sylvia Ruscett and Ms. Darcy Dye.

D. Denied a request from Mr. Timothy Zock to encroach on Village property across the street from 231 Lakeview Court.

E. Approved budget adjustments as proposed by Village Clerk/Treasurer Marvin Hinga.

F. Approved the changes to the descriptors on the quarterly water bill from "Water Debt Charges" to "Water System Upgrades".

G. Approved a motion to celebrate Arbor Day on April 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Central Park by planting a tree near Marv's Bark Park along Lakeside Trail.

H. Approved a motion to name Council Member Joel TePastte as the representative on the Harbor Transit Board of Directors.

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

Yes: 7 No: 0

6. General Business

A. No General Business at this time.

7. Department Reports

- A. Village Manager
- B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director
- C. OCSO
- D. Fire

Fire Chief, Brian Sipe, gave highlights of the Fire Departments Annual Report, telling Council that one of the major milestones for this past year was that they had established the Fire Fighter of the Year Award for their department and, along with the cooperation of Ottawa County Commissioner, Roger Bergman who was able to sponsor them and get an anonymous donor, they were able to buy a plaque to recognize the great men and women who make up their department. **Sipe** said another milestone was the start of construction of the new Fire Station that was going very well, and invited Council to tour the new facility in June when more of the walls inside were done. **Sipe** also reported that a new truck had been ordered at the end of last year to replace the oldest one of their fleet that was in very poor condition and hoped the new truck would come in before the old one was no longer usable. **Sipe** said that over all calls for last year were slightly down at 993 but still hovered around 1000 calls per year, however, this year; they were off to the busiest start to a year ever. **Sipe** said public education was very important and that they took pride in promoting fire education in the schools along with hosting their open house, CPR and other trainings, reaching out to almost 1,800 people. President **MacLachlan** asked Chief **Sipe** how they would be handling the Open House parking at the new station since they would not have the large amount of parking that they had at the 148th Avenue station. **Sipe** said they would be talking to Orchard Market and Burger King and that Burger King was very excited to have the Station next door.

- E. 911
- F. DPW
- G. Building
- H. Water
- I. Sewer

J. Minutes from Various Board & Committees

- 1. Parks & Recreation**
- 2. Planning Commission**

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council

Council Member **Doss** invited the rest of Council to join her for the first step in fundraising for Whistle Stop Park's proposed new play ground equipment at Spring Lake Country Club on Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

9. New Business and Reports by Village Council

No new business at this time.

10. Status Report: Village Attorney

No report from the Village Attorney at this time.

11. Statement of Citizens

Jim Lilly, Candidate for Michigan State House 89th District, introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background and qualifications for State Representative.

Vern Helder, Candidate for District Court Judge, introduced himself and also gave a brief summary of his background and qualifications for District Court Judge.

Joyce Hatton, 400 Lakeview Court, Unit 1A, asked Council to consider combining the Village and the Township in an effort to save money.

Adjournment

Motion by **Van Strate**, second from **Doss**, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Yes: 7 No: 0

James MacLachlan, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk