



Minutes of **PUBLIC HEARING**  
Held **November 14, 2013**

Township of Springfield

Laura Moreau, Clerk

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**Call to Order:** Clerk Moreau called the November 14, 2013 Special Meeting of the Springfield Township Board to order at 7:00 pm at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present**

Laura Moreau	Township Clerk
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Marc Cooper	Township Trustee
Judy Hensler	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

**Board Members Not Present**

Collin Walls	Township Supervisor
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**Others Present**

Greg Need	Township Attorney
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- \* **Treasurer Dubre moved to appoint Clerk Moreau as Chairperson Pro Tem in Supervisor Walls' absence. Trustee Hopper supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Cooper, Dubre, Hensler, Hopper, Moreau, and Vallad; No: None; Absent: Walls. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote. .**

**Public Hearing:**

1. Contract for Conditional Transfer of Property—Act 425 Agreement with Independence Township

Clerk Moreau noted that Pat Kittle, Independence Township Supervisor, and Steven Joppich, the Independence Township attorney, were present.

Clerk Moreau indicted the areas that would be affected by this agreement on the conference room screen (the southeast corner of I-75 and Dixie Highway at the border between Springfield and Independence Townships). She noted that since both parcels are being marketed together for development purposes and in order to address the complexities of a development located in two communities, both Townships have determined that the conditional transfer of the Springfield parcel to Independence Township would encourage and assist the economic development of that area. Act 425 of 1984 enables two or more local units of government to conditionally transfer property from one local unit to another by written contract. A public hearing is required which Springfield is complying with tonight and Independence Township held theirs on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Clerk Moreau



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commented that since the time of the hearing publication, the Township received no written comments or no one has been to the Clerk's office to review the available documents pertaining to this matter.

Following the hearing, the Board will consider the contract and determine whether or not to take action on it during the regular portion of the Board meeting that takes place at 7:30 pm.

Independence Twp. Supervisor Kittle noted that at their public hearing, comments were "next to nothing". The owner of the property was present and was in favor of the transfer and thanked Independence Township Board members for allowing this to happen. There was one Deer Lake resident who was concerned about lake access should this transfer take place and Supervisor Kittle informed him the Planning Commission would make sure everything was in compliance with the zoning ordinance. It was a 7-0 vote in favor of the agreement and the contract has been signed.

Charles Oaks, Andersonville Road, commented he was strongly opposed. Springfield residents elected the Trustees to control land within the Township and by agreeing to this contract, will be giving away all rights to it. It was his opinion that this type of agreement has not worked well in the past in other similar situations.

Clerk Moreau closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

2. CDBG—Community Development Block Grant

Clerk Moreau opened the public hearing at 7:08 pm.

It was noted that the Public Hearing Notice for the 2014 CDBG funding was published on October 17, 2013 in the Oakland Press. The total available funds for public service programs is \$9,212 with the remainder available for other accounts in the amount of \$21,496. The minimum allocation is \$2,500 with a cap of 4 for the total number of projects. Requests were sent to all local service agencies in the area who service Springfield residents. Three responses were received back; OLHSA, Kaleidoscope, and Neighbor for Neighbor. Both OLHSA and Neighbor for Neighbor are requesting funds, Kaleidoscope has declined funds for PY 2014.

Treasurer Dubre noted that OLHSA does not fall under public services, they would fall under minor home repair or minor mobile home repair. Therefore Kaleidoscope would be the only program that responded eligible for the public service amount. Treasurer Dubre also noted that funds are only available for low to moderate income individuals or families that reside in a certain area of the Township as depicted on a map provided by Oakland County.



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Clerk Moreau closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

**Adjournment:**

Clerk Moreau adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm.

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Collin Walls, Township Supervisor

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Laura Moreau, Township Clerk