

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 11, 2004
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Walls

PUBLIC COMMENT: Township Board members recognized and thanked Trustees Baker and Bloom for their service to the community as members of the Township Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: September 23, 2004 Special Budget Hearing, and October 14, 2004, Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$492,288.47
- b) Accepted October Treasurer's Report
- c) Received October Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical; Litigation; Fire; Ordinance & Assessing
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$203,200.86
- e) Received Water Quality Investigators letter re: Softwater Lake
- f) Received communications and placed on file

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. 2005 CDBG Funds: Authorized Supervisor to enter into agreement. Allocated Public Service funds to crisis counseling/intervention and education; housing and utility assistance; recreation for adults with disabilities; and audio books/materials for visually impaired. Planning/Management for stormwater mapping and/or library needs assessment. And for minor home repairs and to remove architectural barriers.
- 2. Continuation of 1st Reading, Screening between Land Uses – Section 15.01 and 16.06: Authorized Clerk to publish for Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Oak Valley Estates, Lots 78 & 79: Conditionally Approved Exhibit B Amendment to address driveway encroachment
- 2. Forest Hills Site Plan and Special Land Use: Granted Extension to day after January Regular Township Board meeting
- 3. Planning Commission: Appointed Dean Baker to Commission Vacancy and Trustee Elect Lamont as Township representative, Effective 11/21/04
- 4. 2004 Election Cycle: Received verbal report from Clerk
- 5. Denied McLeod Metro Act Permit Application
- 6. Mariners Cove, Lots 32 and 33: Conditionally Approved Exhibit B Amendment Request

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1. Outgoing Trustee Baker provided a brief assessment of the work of the Township Board and the status of the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNED: 9:02 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Collin Walls called the November 11, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road, Davisburg, MI 48350.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present

Collin W. Walls	Township Supervisor
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Nancy Strole	Township Clerk
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Margaret Bloom	Township Trustee
Dean Baker	Township Trustee

Others Present

Gregory Need	Township Attorney
Leon Genre	Building and Planning Director

Agenda Additions & Changes:

Supervisor Walls asked to add as **Item #6 New Business, Requested Amendment to Exhibit B for Mariner's Cove.**

Trustee Baker asked to speak at the end of the agenda as **Item #7 under New Business.**

The Board Members unanimously agreed to the changes to the agenda.

Public Comment:

Supervisor Walls introduced Mr. Paul Aska, the new Ordinance Officer for Springfield Township.

Supervisor Walls thanked Trustee Baker for his service to the Springfield Township Board for the last three years as this is his last meeting as Trustee. He thanked Trustee Bloom for her service to the Springfield Township Board for the last 16 years as this is her last meeting. He noted that the Board Members would be purchasing a brick at the library in honor of Trustee Bloom. Trustee Bloom thanked the Board Members and said she is grateful to all residents in the Township that have elected her for three terms.

Consent Agenda:

- **Trustee Hopper moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Baker supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.**

- a) Approval of Minutes: September 23, 2004 Special Budget Hearing, October 14, 2004 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$492,288.47.
- b) Acceptance of October Treasurer's Report
- c) Receipt of October Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire, Ordinance, Assessing
- d) Authorize payment of bills as presented, total \$203,200.86.
- e) Receipt of Water Quality Investigators letter re: Softwater Lake

Receipt of Communications:

- E-mail from Andre Gaccetta dated 10-18-04 re: Home Depot
- Oakland County Commission Resolution Re: Michigan Tax Code
- Notice from Michigan Liquor Control Commission Re: Request for Ownership Transfer at 643 Broadway, Town and County Market

Old Business:

1. 2005 CDBG Funds

Supervisor Walls explained that last month all organizations requesting Public Service funds were asked to submit additional information to the Township, all of which responded properly. There were requests from Kaleidoscope, Lighthouse North, Haven, OLHSA, Neighbor for Neighbor, Springfield Township Library, Springfield Township Parks Department and one request by a resident to be included as part of the Library request.

Trustee Hopper said he recommends \$3,000 crisis intervention, advocacy and individual group and family counseling; \$8,000 for food distribution, utility, rent and mortgage assistance and emergency housing assistance and medical assistance; \$4,000 to provide social and recreational activities to seniors and handicapped adults and \$4,500 for large print books and books on tape. Supervisor Walls said he does not disagree but we should change the project description and limit the \$4,000 funding for recreation for adults with disabilities. Clerk Strole said she would concur. Trustee Bloom said she would like to see \$1,000 going to youth assistance. Treasurer Dubre said she does not agree with that since we already fund Clarkston and Holly's Youth Assistance annually.

Treasurer Dubre said her recommendations would be \$4,507 for large print books and books on tape; \$7,500 for assistance with utilities, food, distribution, rent, mortgage, medical and emergency housing; \$2,500 for recreational services for disabled adults and \$2,500 for crisis intervention. She would like to see some money go to chore services. Clerk Strole commented that her recommendations were close to Trustee Hopper's. She concurs with Supervisor Walls that we should focus on recreational services for people with disabilities.

- **Trustee Hopper moved to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with regard to distribution of 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds and sign all agreements pertaining to said funds; further to authorize \$5,705.50 for minor home repair, \$6,000.00 for removal of architectural barriers; \$7,803.00 for planning and management, specifically either a needs assessment and/or Phase II**

implementing the storm sewer data base; and Public Service allocation clarifying that \$3,000.00 be allocated to provide crisis intervention, individual group and family counseling for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse; \$8,000.00 be allocated for the purpose of providing food distribution, utilities, rent and mortgage assistance, emergency housing assistance and medical assistance; \$4,000.00 be allocated for recreational activities for adults with disabilities; \$4,508.50 be allocated for large print books and books on tape for the visually and hearing impaired. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: Walls and Dubre. The motion carried by a 5 to 2 vote.

2. Continuation of 1st Reading - Screening between Land Uses - Sections 15.01 and 16.06

- Clerk Strole moved to authorize the Clerk to publish for Second Reading, revisions to Springfield Township Zoning Amendment Sections 15.01 and 16.06 latest revisions dated September 21, 2004. Trustee Hopper supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.

New Business:

1. Oak Valley Estates Amendment Request, Lots 78 & 79: Exhibit B Amendment

- Clerk Strole moved to amend Exhibit B to Oak Valley Estates by transferring a portion of lot 78 to lot 79 as depicted on the Kieft Engineering Survey dated August 20, 2004 subject to Association approval, already given, and recording of Exhibit B amendments and any needed amendments to the Master Deed and By Laws. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.

2. Forest Hills Site Plan and Special Land Use Extension Request

Mr. Friedlaender explained that he has an interested buyer but does not have a purchase agreement in place at this time and thought perhaps the Board could table this matter until next month's Board Meeting.

Clerk Strole said this site plan expires and could not be tabled. Without specific information she would not be comfortable in providing a six-month extension but would be willing to extend it until the December 9th meeting. Trustee Hopper, Bloom and Baker said they would concur. Trustee Vallad said 30 days won't do anything for the applicant if this deal falls through and Mr. Friedlaender would need another extension.

- Supervisor Walls moved that the Special Land Use and Site Plan Approval for Forest Hills be extended until the day after the January Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Baker supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.

3. Planning Commission Appointment

Supervisor Walls explained that due to the recent election there are two changes that could have affected the Planning Commission. He is asking that this not happen. Roger Lamont was elected as Township Trustee and Trustee Baker is the Township Board's representative on the Planning Commission.

- **Supervisor Walls moved that Dean Baker be appointed to fill the balance of Roger Lamont's term and Roger Lamont be appointed to represent the Township Board on the Planning Commission effective November 21, 2004. Trustee Hopper supported the motion.**

Trustee Baker asked to abstain from this vote. The Board members agreed.

- **Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Abstain: Baker. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

4. 2004 Election Cycle: Clerk's Report

Clerk Strole explained that the turnout in the November election was the largest voter turnout at approximately 77% and absentee voters were up over 40%. Clerk Strole thanked voters, election workers and her staff and noted that the postal service left something to be desired. She commented that there is a need to amend existing legislative procedure for recounts. Recounts are meant to be used where the results of an election might change. However, recounts are being used frivolously for other purposes. Clerk Strole said she believes that if the law were changed to require the person requesting a recount to pay for the recount if the election outcome does not change, then meaningless recounts would cease. Trustee Hopper said he would concur but does not know where to start with this issue. Clerk Strole stated that she has already had preliminary discussions with other Clerks and our State Representative and is willing to work to try to amend existing law.

Trustee Vallad said, as an election official, he concurs and believes that significant changes need to be made in elections. He thanked Clerk Strole and the election inspectors for their work in the recent elections.

5. McLeod Metro Act Permit

- **Supervisor Walls moved to deny the permit request because the applicant still does not wish to supply the information required by our regulations and MPSC. Clerk Strole supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.**

6. Mariners Cove

Supervisor Walls explained that the driveway and garage approach of unit 32 encroaches on unit 33 and over the utility easement. Mr. Sentgerath said he has received approval by the Homeowner's Association. Treasurer Dubre said, regarding unit 31, the line has changed and the line on the survey is different than what is recorded.

- **Supervisor Walls moved that the Township Board conditionally approve the amendment to Mariners Cove Phase II adjustment of unit lines between units 32 and 33 to eliminate an existing encroachment with the condition that revised Exhibit B and other amendment documents be prepared, reviewed and approved by the Township engineer prior to recording; that those revised documents or other documents address and explain the discrepancy between the September 10th Midwestern Consulting Survey dimensions and the recorded Mariners Cove Exhibit B for units 31, 32 and any others that may be affected; that additional easements be added to the Exhibit B drawing utilizing the new unit line as the center line for the easement or that the easement be adjacent to the existing easement so there is no gap and a condition that the existing structure at 4429 Crosby Ct. be a minimum of ten feet from a new easement line. Trustee Baker supported the motion.**
- **Supervisor Walls amended his motion to include that the cost of the Township Engineer be covered by the applicant. Trustee Baker supported the amended motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.**

7. Dean Baker Comments

Trustee Baker said this meeting brings to a close his elected service on behalf of the residents of Springfield Township. He thanked each Board Member and expressed his appreciation for their sacrifice to this community and is honored to have been part of this Board.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Walls adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Collin W. Walls, Township Supervisor

Nancy Strole, Township Clerk