

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2004

SYNOPSIS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: February 12, 2004 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$283,245.25, and February 27, 2004 Special Meeting
- b) Accepted February Treasurer's Report
- c) Received February Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical; Litigation; Fire, & Ordinance
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$152,132.94
- e) Adopted resolution in support of POH Medical Center expansion of services for inpatient healthcare in the Clarkston area
- f) 2004 Road Chloride: Contract with RCOC for all public roads @ \$.24/foot and with Road Maintenance Corp @ \$.30/foot for private roads, four applications
- g) Extended lawn maintenance contract with All-N-One for 2004, at 2003 rates
- h) Received and approved 2003-2008 Capital Improvements Plan
- i) Approved Site Plan and Consent Judgment modification for Davisburg/Dixie Market for a generator next to dumpster with max 71 dBA noise level
- j) Appointed Collin Walls, Supervisor, as Primary Municipal Liaison to No Haz Advisor Board
- k) Authorized expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 from Building Dept. Fund Capital Outlay for computer and misc. equipment
- l) Revised Civic Center Cost Center line items – General Fund budget [per Supervisor's 3/18/04 memo] to reflect Property Management change. No change in Total Budget
- i) Received communications and placed on file

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Tabled North Oakland Mutual Aid Agreement
- 2. Adopted Amendment to Ordinance No. 29

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Conditionally approved submission of parade permit Resolution, pending confirmation of availability of volunteers and parade end point.
- 2. Softwater Lake: Awarded Lake Study bid to Water Quality Investigators
- 3. Adopted use policy for large Civic Center Meeting room
- 4. Appointments: ZBA: Reappointed Jim Carlton and Bernard "Skip" Wendt. Planning Commission: Reappointed Chris Moore and Paul Rabaut; appointed Ruth Ann Hines to fill vacancy; accepted Trustee Vallad's withdrawal as Board Representative to Planning Commission, after 12 years of service, and appointed Dean Baker as Board Representative effective March 31.
- 5. Dixie/I-75/Deerhill Property: Discussed and agreed to formation of joint Independence and Springfield Townships committee

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Wozniak thanked Trustee Vallad

ADJOURNED: 8:20 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Collin Walls called the March 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
Dean Baker	Township Trustee
Margaret Bloom	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee
Nancy Strole	Township Clerk

Board Members Not Present

David Hopper	Township Trustee
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Others Present

Gregory Need	Township Attorney
Charlie Oaks	Fire Chief

Agenda Additions & Changes:

Supervisor Walls noted two additions to the Consent Agenda. The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 27, 2004 should be added. A communication from Diane Wozniak to the Board Members in reference to the Old Township Hall should be added.

Trustee Vallad commented that he would like some time to speak for a few minutes under Item #4 of New Business: Planning Commission and Board of Appeals appointments.

There were no objections to the changes.

Public Comment: **None**

Consent Agenda:

- **Trustee Vallad moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended with the aforementioned additions. Trustee Bloom supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

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- j) Communications:
 - Receipt of letters opposing proposed route of Consumers Energy pipeline
 - Receipt of letter from Public Service Commission re: Consumers Energy Pipeline
 - Receipt of letter from Comcast regarding channel lineup
 - Receipt of Farmington Hills Resolution urging regulation of cable television rates
 - Receipt of Oakland County Resolution re: Homeland Security grants
 - Receipt of thank you letter from Clarkston Area Youth Assistance
 - Receipt of letter from Diane Wozniak regarding the old Township Hall.

Public Hearing: None

Old Business:

1. North Oakland Mutual Aid Agreement

Supervisor Walls explained that all Board Members should have received copies of a letter from the Fire Chief of Oakland Township, who is the President of the Fire Chief's Association. The letter indicates that they did not accept our Mutual Aid Agreement modification and indicated that we either sign the draft they submitted or our Fire Department will not be considered as a part of their group. Board Members also received a copy of a legal opinion from the Oxford Township Attorney, who has some reservations. Springfield Township Attorney Greg Need has indicated the appropriate parties are in agreement for revisions to By Laws of the Association, which would cure the major problem. Supervisor Walls said, one choice is to table to allow Greg Need to work on By Law revisions and resubmit them at the next meeting or approve the present agreement with the understanding that the appropriate attorneys will work diligently to amend the By Laws. Supervisor Walls noted that we do have a valid mutual aid agreement that may not include Haz Mat.

- **Clerk Strole moved to table the decision on the North Oakland County Mutual Aid Agreement to the April regular Board Meeting and direct our attorney to work with Mr. Rentrop and Chief Benoit and any others with respect to modifying the By Laws such that they would be acceptable to the communities that have concerns. Trustee Bloom supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

2. Amendment Ordinance No. 29: Second Reading

- **Supervisor Walls moved to adopt the Amendment to Ordinance 29; Minor in possession of alcohol provision, as published for Second Reading. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

New Business:

1. Parade Permit: Road Closure Request

Supervisor Walls explained that this is a request for consideration of a permit for a Parade to take place on Saturday, May 22, 2004. The parade will begin at the Civic Center and end at the Mill Pond Park and would take place between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Supervisor Walls said he spoke with the appropriate people and they felt there should be no problem obtaining reserves and volunteers to help provide temporary traffic control during the parade. Supervisor Walls said his only concern, which could be easily resolved, is that the parking area for the gravel portion of Shiawassee is in use that day. Assuming that there is enough room in the lower parking lot and the Park Commission grants approval to use the Mill Pond Park, he does not see a problem.

- **Supervisor Walls moved to approve the Parade for May 22nd between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and to authorize the Clerk to submit the appropriate resolution to the Road Commission as soon as we have confirmed sufficient volunteers from the Sheriff's Department and the availability of an ending point at the Mill Pond Park or downtown. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

2. Softwater Lake: Lake Study

Supervisor Walls commented that Mr. Schaller obtained proposals for engineering studies from ten companies and received four responses and three actual proposals. Because of the significant difference in price, Supervisor Walls called the low bidder, Wallace Fusilier of Water Quality Investigators. Mr. Fusilier assured him that there is no reason for anyone to charge more than \$2,000. Supervisor Walls said it appears that Mr. Fusilier is doing everything requested and required and he sees no reason not to award the contract to Water Quality Investigators.

- **Clerk Strole moved to authorize awarding the contract to Water Quality Investigators per its proposal submitted February 29, 2004 for Softwater Lake, not to exceed \$2,000.00. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

3. Meeting Room Policy

Clerk Strole noted that Cathy Forst did review the proposed policy and she would be willing to handle the scheduling.

Trustee Vallad noted, regarding item #3, the last sentence states business must conclude no later than one-half hour before the Civic Center closes for business. He does not think we have a definition for the Civic Center opening and closing as we have Township offices and the library and they are open during different hours. Supervisor Walls suggested using the Township Office or Library hours in the availability. The Board Members concurred.

- **Supervisor Walls moved to adopt the Civic Center Meeting Room Policy with the clarification requested in item #3 as presented this evening. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.**

4. Planning Commission and Board of Appeals Appointments

Supervisor Walls recommends the reappointment of Jim Carlton and Skip Wendt to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Regarding the Planning Commission, he recommends reappointment of Chris Moore and Paul Rabaut and the appointment of Ruth Ann Hines to fill a vacancy for a term that expires November, 2004.

Trustee Vallad explained that his personal and work schedule has become intolerable and he desires to resign from the Planning Commission as Township Board Representative. He spoke previously with Supervisor Walls and Trustee Baker and they would like to appoint Trustee Dean Baker to the Planning Commission as the representative from the Township Board. Trustee Baker has graciously agreed to serve on the Planning Commission. Trustee Vallad said he would like the change to be effective April 1, 2004.

Supervisor Walls suggested that the reappointments be effective immediately and the change from Trustee Vallad to Trustee Baker be effective March 31, 2004.

Clerk Strole commented that Trustee Vallad has been on the Planning Commission for over ten years and she thanked him for his service and dedication. Trustee Bloom thanked Trustee Vallad for his service.

- **Clerk Strole moved to reappoint to the Planning Commission, Chris Moore and Paul Rabaut for terms through November, 2006 and Ruth Ann Hines for the**

balance of the existing vacant term through November, 2004, these appointments to take effect immediately and to appoint Dean Baker as the Township Board's representative to the Planning Commission effective March 31, 2004, and to express the Board's and the community's appreciation to Dennis Vallad for his many years of service. Treasurer Dubre supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.

- Clerk Strole moved to reappoint Jim Carlton and Bernard "Skip" Wendt to the Zoning Board of Appeals for terms through December 31, 2006. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none; Absent: Hopper. The motion carried by a 6 to 0 vote.

5. Dixie/I-75 Deerhill Property

Supervisor Walls noted this is a piece of property that lies half in Springfield and half in Independence Township. You cannot access the Springfield Township portion unless you go through Independence Township as it was cut off when I-75 was constructed. Supervisor Walls explained the history of this piece of property and suggested setting up a committee with representatives from both townships to establish a joint review process and make recommendations to each Township Board on any plan that might be proposed for this property. He suggested appointing Roger Lamont and John Steckling from the Planning Commission, Dave Hopper from the Township Board and himself to the committee.

The Board Members unanimously agreed.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Diane Wozniak thanked Trustee Vallad for his services on the Planning Commission.

Adjournment:

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Walls adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Collin W. Walls, Township Supervisor

Nancy Strole, Township Clerk

