

**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**August 12, 2004**  
**SYNOPSIS**

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: July 8, 2004 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$278,418.93
- b) Accepted July Treasurer's Report
- c) Received July Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical; Litigation; Fire, Ordinance & Assessing
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$279,340.69
- e) Adopted amendment to 2004 Parks Fund Budget as set forth in 7-13-04 Parks memo as corrected
- f) Approved Budget of 2,725.00 for Assessing Department Printer & Camera
- g) Approved Appraiser I change to Appraiser II for Arlene Badgley and wage increase to \$33,900, effective 7-1-04
- h) Approved Assessors Department Seminar Budget \$1,750.00
- i) Approved the transfer of FY 2005 SMART funds (\$12,535.00) to Independence Twp. Transportation Program and authorized execution of Municipal Credit Contract
- j) Refunded plan review fee to McCulloch Collision \$589.38 and transferred \$1,095.00 to Building Fund for Permits
- k) Authorized outstanding Cost Recovery Invoice in amount of \$79.50, to be attached to December Tax Roll as Delinquent. Parcel ID# 07-29-427-008
- l) Approved Building/Planning Director to attend Conference 9-14-04 thru 9-17-04, not to exceed \$750.00
- m) Authorized attendance at Michigan Society of Planning Conference, Grand Rapids, Sept. 29 to Oct. 2, 2004 for Township Board, Planning Commission, ZBA and Planning Staff not to exceed \$850.00 per person
- n) Received communications and placed on file

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Tabled action on Dangerous Building, Parcel ID#: 07-14-226-004, to September 9, 2004 Township Board Meeting
- 2. Approved Dixie Highway Street Lighting Plan
- 3. Adopted Amendment to Ordinance No. 47 Metro Park Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Authorized Purchase of Building Department Vehicle
- 2. Authorized Purchase of Office Furniture for Assessing & Building Departments
- 3. 2005 Budget: Scheduled Workshop Meeting for Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., Public Hearing for Thursday, September 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
- 4. 10380 Enterprise L.L.C. v. Springfield Township: Adopted Resolution conditionally not objecting to vacating of drainage easements and amending Holly Greens Industrial Park No. 2 Plat

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Paul inquired of Trustee Vallad about Harbortowne Bylaws and requested a review of Township fence provisions

ADJOURNED: 8:25 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Collin Walls called the August 12, 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
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Dean Baker	Township Trustee
Margaret Bloom	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

**Board Member(s) Not Present**

Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
Nancy Strole	Township Clerk

**Others Present**

Gregory Need	Township Attorney
Leon Genre	Building and Planning Director
Charlie Oaks	Township Fire Chief

**Agenda Additions & Changes:**

Supervisor Walls noted a correction to Consent item E. The memo dated July 13, 2004 contained two extra lines referring to Prior Year Fund Balance and both should be deleted.

Supervisor Walls asked to add to **New Business, item #4, Enterprise LLC vs Springfield.**

There were no objections to the changes.

**Public Comment:           None**

**Consent Agenda:**

Trustee Hopper moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Trustee Bloom supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.

- a) Approval of Minutes; July 8, 2004, Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$278,418.93
- b) Acceptance of July Treasurer's Report

- c) Receipt of July Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire, Ordinance, Assessing
- d) Authorize payment of bills as presented, total \$279,340.69
- e) Adopt amendment to 2004 Parks Fund Budget as set forth in the July 13, 2004 Parks memo attached as corrected
- f) Approve Budget of \$2,725.00 for Assessing Department Printer & Camera
- g) Approve Appraiser I change to Appraiser II for Arlene Badgley and wage increase to \$33,900, effective July 1, 2004
- h) Approve Assessors Department Seminar Budget \$1,750
- i) Approve the transfer of FY 2005 SMART funds (\$12,535.00) to Independence Township Transportation Program and authorize execution of Municipal Credit Contract
- j) Refund plan review fee to McCulloch Collision \$589.38 and transfer \$1,095.00 to Building Fund for Permits
- k) Authorize outstanding Cost Recovery Invoice in amount of \$79.50, to be attached to the December Tax Roll as delinquent. Parcel ID # 07-29-427-008
- l) Approve Building/Planning Director to attend Conference 9-14-04 thru 9-17-04, not to exceed \$750.00
- m) Authorize attendance at Michigan Society of Planning Conference, Grand Rapids, Sept, 29 to Oct. 2, 2004 for Township Board, Planning Commission, ZBA and Planning staff not to exceed \$850.00 per person.
- n) Receipt of Communications:
  - Holly Area Youth Assistance Report
  - Comcast Price Changes - "On Demand" services
  - Comcast Channel Additions

## **Old Business:**

- 1. Dangerous Building Parcel ID # 07-14-226-004
  - a) Status Report
  - b) Demolition Order and Bids

Supervisor Walls explained that a permit has been received by the owner to perform demolition on the rear portion of the Whoopee Bowl. That has been started, the roof and two of the three walls are down. We have also received copies of correspondence from the property owner's attorney asking for extensions in time to allow the property owner to market the property. The Township only received one demolition bid which will need to be tabled.

Trustee Hopper said he would be inclined to table the demolition order for one month, which would allow the Township time to obtain more demolition bids, and with the property owner working diligently, perhaps if at the September meeting progress is being made, we may consider further tabling.

Trustee Vallad said he would like the communications from the owner to the Board received prior to the September meeting rather than after the meeting. He would be willing to grant an

extension if the property owner would agree to amend his proposed schedule. Trustee Bloom and Trustee Baker concurred with Trustee Vallad's comments.

- **Trustee Hopper moved to table the Township's demolition order until the regular September Board Meeting with the understanding that the Township will receive all reports due by September 8, 2004 also that the timeframe for the owners to file an appeal be extended to one week after the September meeting. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.**

## 2. Dixie Street Lighting

Supervisor Walls explained that the proposal, with three exceptions, puts streetlights back on Dixie Highway all on existing poles. The exceptions were Ridge Valley, ME Cad and Softwater Woods. DTE Energy is suggesting that the current light at Center be changed from a 100-watt mercury vapor to a 250-watt high-pressure sodium and making the light perpendicular to Dixie rather than over Center. Supervisor Walls said he does not see a need for that change. DTE Energy has also proposed streetlights at both sides of the Cedar Crest Academy entrance drive and none at the daycare center entrance. Supervisor Walls suggested rather than having two lights so close together that the northern light (#24) be moved northerly three more pole locations. Assuming we do not do anything with the light on Center Street, DTE is indicating 21 poles including the pole on Ridge Valley but Supervisor Walls said he counts 19 poles. The pole on Ridge Valley will be underground with an ornamental fixture, therefore, making it somewhat more expensive.

Trustee Vallad and Trustee Hopper concurred with the layout except south of Savoie. Light #8 was deleted and #7 moved south one pole after the intersection. Supervisor Walls noted the annual maintenance cost currently per light is approximately \$220 per year. All Board members concurred with the suggested changes to the plans and agreed that Supervisor Walls should proceed with reinstalling the lights as indicated.

## 3. Second Reading - Amendment to Ordinance No. 47 Metro Park Ordinance

- **Trustee Vallad moved to adopt Amendments to Ordinance No. 47, Ordinance to Regulate General Conduct of Metro Park Visitors effective seven (7) days after publication. Trustee Bloom supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.**

## New Business:

### 1. Purchase of Vehicle - Building Department

Supervisor Walls said there is a request for the Building Department to purchase a 1/2 ton pickup truck. The suggested budget amendment to handle the purchase is covered from the Building Department revenues, as they are higher than were budgeted for. Leon Genre, the Building and Planning Director explained the prices he was quoted. Trustee Vallad asked if the pricing received was GMS pricing? Mr. Genre said he did not know but would inquire.

- **Trustee Vallad moved to authorize the purchase of a 2004 GMC half-ton pickup as presented for consideration this evening at a cost not to exceed \$17,835.00. Trustee Bloom supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.**
- **Trustee Vallad moved to amend the current Building Department Fund Budget per the Supervisor's memo of August 6, 2004 on the Revenue side increasing change for services from \$260,000 to \$280,000 for Total Revenues of \$373,800. On the Expense to increase Capital Outlay from \$5,000 to \$25,000 increasing Total Expense to \$373,800. Trustee Hopper supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.**

2. Purchase of Office Furniture - Assessing & Building Departments

- **Trustee Baker moved to authorize the purchase of office furniture for the Building Planning Director for a sum not to exceed \$2,122.20 and to authorize the purchase of office furniture for the Assessing Department for use by the Assessor for a purchase price not to exceed \$1,648.00. Trustee Bloom supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.**

3. 2005 Budget Meeting Schedule

Suggested dates for the Budget Workshop are Wednesday, September 1, 2004 or Tuesday, September 7, 2004. The Board tentatively decided on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Walls said he would do his best to provide draft budgets before Tuesday, August 24, 2004.

Suggested dates for the Public Hearing on the Budget and to set Milage Rates are Thursday, September 23, 2004 or Tuesday, September 28, 2004. The Board tentatively decided on Thursday, September 23, 2004.

4. Enterprise LLC vs Springfield

Supervisor Walls said this is a request to amend Holly Greens Industrial plat. When it was platted drainage was designed into it that is in excess of what is actually needed. This proposal would eliminate or reduce the drainage easements in lots 16 and 18. The resolution that Attorney Greg Need has drafted would indicate the Township has no objection as long as we

receive verification from an engineer that is checked by our engineer that the area to be vacated is no longer needed.

- **Supervisor Walls moved the Resolution that Greg Need drafted that states with proper verification that the drainage easements are not needed, the Township would have no objection to amending the plat with the addition that the plaintiff be asked to reimburse the Township for any and all costs in defending the action and checking the drainage. Trustee Vallad supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Hopper, Baker, Bloom and Vallad; No: none; Absent: Dubre and Strole. The motion carried by a 5 to 0 vote.**

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Thomas Weiler, 9171 Hillcrest, commented that when Dixie Highway was widened mailboxes on Dixie Highway ended up on Center Street and the gas main is just inches below the surface of the road near the mailboxes. Supervisor Walls stated they would ask Consumers to check into this.

Ms. Kathleen Paul, 9789 Norman Rd., commented that she would like the Township to review the ordinances regarding fencing, noise, air and heavy machinery usage by residents. She and other residents of Susin Lake are concerned about the property values on Susin Lake and the blight that is taking place.

### **Adjournment:**

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Walls adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

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Collin W. Walls, Township Supervisor

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Nancy Strole, Township Clerk