

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2004
SYNOPSIS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chief Oaks commented that the losing candidates' petitions for election recounts wasted Township taxpayer money that could have bought a lot of fire hose.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: August 12, 2004 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$372,999.58
- b) Accepted August Treasurer's Report
- c) Received August Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical; Litigation; Fire, Ordinance & Assessing
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$185,724.81
- e) Approved appointment of Joyce Hubble to Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors.
- f) Zoning Ordinance Amendment, First Reading: Delete definition of Essential Services in Article II, Section 2; Delete Section 16:08. Authorized publication for Second Reading.
- g) Adopted Facility Handout and Solicitation Policy
- h) Amended Meeting Room Policy
- i) Received communications and placed on file and approved request for funds by Andersonville Cemetery Assoc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Dangerous Building Parcel ID#: 07-14-226-004 Demolition Order and Bids. Tabled to October 14th Township Board meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Received and filed Parade date request
- 2. Denied McLeod METRO Act Permit Application
- 3. Approved Park Commission Equipment Contribution Request
- 4. Conditionally approved Oakland County Equalization Contract
- 5. Special Meeting Request: Agreed to add Saturn North PUD amendment to September 23 meeting agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Paul inquired about ordinance updates

ADJOURNED: 7:50 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Collin Walls called the September 9, 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
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Dean Baker	Township Trustee
Margaret Bloom	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee
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 that under Receipt of Communications: Andersonville Cemetery, approval of \$3,000 Contribution should be added.

Under New Business Item #1, Road Closure Permit Request should be changed to Parade Date Request.

The Board members unanimously approved the requested changes.

Public Comment:

Fire Chief Oaks commented that he thinks the Citizens for a Progressive Springfield Township was a disgrace to cost Springfield Township taxpayers the money they did for the recount of election results when it was no closer than it was. He knows that Springfield Township Fire Department could purchase a lot of hose for the money this recount cost the taxpayers and he thought it was ridiculous.

Consent Agenda:

- **Trustee Hopper moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. 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; August 12, 2004, Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$372,999.58.

- b) Acceptance of August Treasurer's Report
- c) Receipt of August Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Litigation, Fire, Ordinance, Assessing
- d) Authorize payment of bills as presented, total \$185,724.81.
- e) Approve appointment of Joyce Hubble to Holly Area Youth Assistance Board of Directors.
- f) Zoning Ordinance Amendment, First Reading: Delete definition of Essential Services in Article II, Section 2; Delete Section 16.08. Authorize publication for Second Reading
- g) Adopt Facility Handout and Solicitation Policy with additional last paragraph
- h) Amend Meeting Room Policy
- i) Receipt of Communications:
 - Independence Township Senior Center Transportation Report
 - Road Commission for Oakland County Annual Report
 - Andersonville Cemetery Association Letter of 8-28-04 and approval of \$3,000.00 contribution.

Old Business:

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

Supervisor Walls commented that it appears that the property owner is progressing and making reasonable attempts to make the property conform and to market the property. Clerk Strole said she would concur with Supervisor Walls. Trustee Vallad said it seems to be a recurring theme that all interested purchasers keep getting pushed out. Supervisor Walls said he has advised the applicant's attorney that October is the deadline in his opinion.

- **Supervisor Walls moved that the Township Board table the demolition bids and the implementation of the June 10, 2004 order on the Whoopee Bowl property until our October meeting, extend the time period for the property owner to appeal the Township Board's decision until October 21, 2004 and request a full report of efforts to date and a plan of action for the property no later than October 6, 2004. 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.**

New Business:

- 1. Parade Date Request
 - **Supervisor Walls moved that we receive and file. 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. McLeod METRO Act Permit

Clerk Strole explained that under the METRO Act, companies must apply for permits. Lisa Hamameh of Adkison, Need & Allen is recommending denial due to many deficiencies. In addition to failure to provide proof of adequate insurance, there are also several other deficiencies. McLeod also failed to provide the required route map in a viewable format and there are some errors in the application itself.

- **Clerk Strole moved to deny the permit application by McLeod based on the following: the applicant has failed to provide proof of adequate insurance, the applicant has failed to provide the required route map in a viewable or readable form and the applicant has failed to correctly describe the municipality to which it is applying within the text of the application. 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.**

3. Park Commission Contribution Request

The Park Commission is requesting assistance funding a lift for their pickup truck.

- **Supervisor Walls moved that we contribute 50% of the cost, which would be just under \$1,035.00. 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.**

4. Oakland County Equalization Contract

Supervisor Walls recommended and requested approval of the contract with changes or a letter of understanding that are approved by the Supervisor and the Township Attorney, which would clarify payment obligations and mentioned typographical errors.

- **Supervisor Walls moved that the Township Board approve entering into the contract with Oakland County Equalization for the services as indicated with the condition that either contract changes or through a letter of understanding that are approved by the Supervisor and the Township Attorney, clarification is made to our payment obligations and service performance by the County. Trustee Hopper supported the motion.**
- **Supervisor Walls amended the motion to include the correction of typographical errors. Trustee Hopper supported the amended motion. Vote on the amended motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Hopper, Baker, Bloom, Vallad and Strole; No: none. The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.**

5. Special Meeting Request

Supervisor Walls suggested not holding a special meeting and simply adding First Reading for Saturn North on to the already scheduled September 23, 2004 meeting, assuming this gets through the Planning Commission on the 20th.

The Board Members unanimously agreed to this addition of the September 23, 2004 meeting.

Supervisor Walls noted that Trustee Hopper made a motion on the Consent Agenda as amended, the Facility Handout And Solicitation Policy should have an additional last paragraph as noted on the blue handout this evening. Greg Need reviewed this and it is fine. The Board Members unanimously agreed that this would be an addition to the Consent Agenda.

Public Comment:

Clerk Strole commented that she and Leon Genre attended the dedication for the Environmental Education Center at Indian Springs and it was a very, very nice event. The facility will be a wonderful facility.

Ms. Kathleen Paul, 9789 Norman Rd., commented that she does not know what progress or what procedure will take place regarding an update on the ordinances that she has previously discussed with the Board and Planning Commission. Supervisor Walls said if the Planning Commission refers it back to the Board they will act on it.

Adjournment:

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Walls adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Collin W. Walls, Township Supervisor

Nancy Strole, Township Clerk