MINUTES
Monday, August 21, 2017
7:00 P.M., Barber School
102 West Exchange Street
Spring Lake, Michigan

1. Call to Order

President Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present: Doss, Duer, Miller, Powers, TePastte, Van Strate.

Absent: None

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Miller, second from TePastte, to approve the agenda as presented.

Yes: 6  No: 0

5. Consent Agenda

A. Approved the payment of the bills (checks numbered 59045 - 59133) in the amount of $327,129.17.

B. Approved the minutes for the July 10, 2017 work session, the July 17, 2017 regular Council meeting, and the August 10, 2017 special meeting.

C. Approved the audit Letter of Understanding from Vredeveeld Haefner.

D. Approved a finance contract extension with Ottawa County.

E. Approved a contract with Charter Communications.

Motion by Doss, second from Miller, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Yes: 6  No: 0

6. General Business
A. Appointment of Village Council Member

Subject: Due to the recent resignation of Joyce Hatton, there was an opening on Village Council. Section 5.05 of the Charter outlines the process by which a replacement is selected.

An interview with Michelle Hanks was held just prior to the start of tonight’s meeting. Hanks was the only application received to fill this opening on Council.

Motion by TePastte, second from Miller, to appoint Michelle Hanks to fill the remaining term of Mr. Powers Council seat.

   Yes: 6    No: 0

B. Nomination of President Pro-tem

Subject: It was necessary to select a new President Pro-Tem. According to the Village Charter, Section 5.05, the Council elects from its members a President Pro-Tempore who “shall act as President during the absence or disability of the President…”

President Powers accepted the nomination of Council Member Doss to fill the position of President Pro-Tem.

Motion by Hanks, second from TePastte, to appoint Megan Doss to the position of Village President Pro-Tem.

   Yes: 7    No: 0

C. Presentation by County Commissioner Roger Bergman

Subject: District 10 County Commissioner, Roger Bergman, had asked to present to Council.

Commissioner Bergman shared the County’s accomplishments of the past year, goals for the coming year, how the County's tax dollars were divided along with other County updates. Commissioner Bergman also explained his duties as a Commissioner and the various boards he sat on.

D. Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Subject: On July 17, 2017, Village Council approved Resolution 2017 - 14, a resolution of support for participation in the Redevelopment Ready Community
program. The MEDC formally submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Council consideration.

Burns said this had come in after the Work Session, so they had not talked about it yet, but it was basically a housekeeping item, with the understanding that the resolution was approved at the last meeting. Burns said this was to formalize the relationship with the MEDC.

Motion by Doss, second from TePastte, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the MEDC regarding the RRC designation.

Yes: 7  No: 0

7. Department Reports

A. Village Manager – Burns reminded Council to complete her performance evaluation and to please drop it in the mail or leave it at Village Hall and it will be put in President Powers mail box.

B. Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director

C. OCSO

D. Fire

E. 911

F. DPW

G. Water

H. Sewer

I. Minutes from Various Board & Committees

   1. Historic Conservation Commission

8. Old Business and Reports by the Village Council – There was no old business to report on.

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10. Status Report: Village Attorney – There was no report from the Village Attorney.

11. Statement of Citizens

Bill Meyers, 137 Stonegate Court, said that, just for the record, he would like to state that it was a pleasure to see Council back in the business of improving our Village.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Van Strate, second from Doss, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.
Yes: 7          No: 0

Mark Powers, Village President

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk