Pursuant to SB 1008, the Village of Spring Lake is conducting its business virtually to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

President Powers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following items were discussed.

1. **Class C Liquor License (510 W. Savidge)** - Mr. Jesus Cuellar is opening a new Mexican restaurant at 510 W. Savidge (formerly Pruebelo). He is pursuing a liquor license for the property. El Mesquite will seat approximately 80 patrons and will feature an outdoor service area. It will provide between eight and ten jobs, depending upon the volume of business. Mr. Cuellar's companies own and operate a number of restaurants in West Michigan, including operations in Muskegon, Grand Rapids, and Rockford. Mr. Cuellar’s representative, Jim Storey, was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions Council had.

2. **Real Estate Exchange (109 S. Jackson)** - Over the course of the past year, Council has been in discussion with Brandon Brown and Eric Wolff (ARM), owners of 109 S. Jackson Street, about the concept of a property swap between parcels 70-03-15-381-025 & 70-03-15-381-020. Staff was directed to have legal counsel draft a preliminary document outlining the parameters of the property exchange.

3. **Request for Proposals (106 S. Buchanan)** - In early 2020, RFPs for 106 S. Buchanan were released to developers. The proposals were due back in April, right as Covid was ramping up. The Village did not receive a single proposal for the property. At that time, it was recommended that proposals should not be re-released until there was some hope that everything was going to return to “normal”. RFPs were released in early 2021 and due back on March 1, 2021. While only one proposal was received for the property, staff feels that the proposal is extremely compelling, providing both commercial and residential development by a tried and true developer/contractor. Currently, Hudsonville, Zeeland and Holland are working with Geerlings Development & Midwest Construction Group on similar projects. All three communities are pleased with the team.

4. **Savidge Street Sewer Lining (Wally Delamater)** - The section of sewer main (439 lf) on Savidge from Buchanan west to Jackson has on-going maintenance issue. Recent issues required a contractor to clean and televise that section of main. The video revealed several minor defects, infiltration and actual portion of a clay tiles missing. The main had previously had a couple spot repairs. I am not sure a spot repair is the best alternative in this case. The Village Engineer and lining company also reviewed the video for repair options. It was determined it could be lined and leaks and defects would be repaired. The MDOT M-104 resurfacing project is set to begin in June. We may be able to complete a lining project after the resurfacing project. The concern is the missing piece of pipe may degrade and cause a sinkhole before we can affect repair.

5. **Cutler Street Resurfacing (Wally Delamater)** - During the process of installing the new force main, South Cutler road surface was removed. Taking advantage of the project, the Village installed a new 6” water main at the time and a change order was made to the project scope. The high water levels made resurfacing the south 1/3 of the street impossible to complete. A decision was made to trade the cost of the water main installation for resurfacing of the street. Staff requested the Village
Engineer (Ryan Arends, Moore & Bruggink) provide an estimate to perform design engineering for the completion of the street. Using the Village engineer proved costly as all the plans would have to be designed from scratch. Prein & Newhof (P&N) was the project engineer that provided the surveys, soil borings and plans for the original force main project. P&N was contacted for a proposal. They would be able to use existing plans they previously developed. A parking lot would be added at the south end of the street, similar to what was designed during the Tanglefoot Park community engagement meetings. DPW staff would bid the actual construction and oversee the construction. This process will prove to be a tremendous cost savings.

6. **NOWS Bond Refunding** – Resolution 2021 – 04 was a resolution to request and authorize the issuance refunding of bonds.

7. **Harbor Transit Millage Renewal** - This is an annual housekeeping item to approve the Harbor Transit request to continue collecting .6 mills to provide transit to Village residents.

8. **Art in the Park (Angela Stanford-Butler)** - In the spring of 2020, a Call for Artists was sent to Jennifer Gwinnup, Art Teacher at Spring Lake High School. Through the *Art in the Park* project, the DDA was looking for a SLHS Artist to paint a mural on the side of Seven Steps Up. Five submissions received and all were so strong that it was decided that the four artists not chosen for the Seven Steps Up mural would share a space on the wall at the west entrance of Central Park to create a new mural. The four remaining artists worked with Mrs. Gwinnup on a new theme: “Artwork that speaks to coming together in diversity and inclusivity to make the kind of choices that support a diverse, vibrant and healthy world.”

9. **Budget Amendments (Marv Hinga)** – Hinga reviewed the following Budget Amendments with Council:
   1. Major Streets - Winter & Routine Maintenance and Administration costs.
   2. Local Streets - Routine Maintenance & Construction.
   3. DDA - Holiday Decorations, Bank Fees and Equipment Usage
   4. Clerk/Treasurer – Recodification, Part Time Wages, Prof. Services, Insurance and Bank Fees.

10. **Seawall Request (326 N. Division)** - The property owners at 326 N. Division have hired Peterson Environmental to assist them with the installation of rock along their seawall to help prevent erosion. Since the location of the rock encroaches on Village property, they need permission from the Village in order to obtain the necessary permits from EGLE. Consultant Zach Vandenberg has been invited to the Work Session to answer any questions Council had. Council stated that they would allow it if the Hoovers signed an agreement and paid for all legal costs associated with the drafting of the agreement.

11. **Communications**
   - Complaint – Williams
   - Inquiry (Lakeside Beach)
   - MML Workers Comp Dividend
   - Thank You (Shelly Fraser)
12. Minutes - Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Work Session and February 15, 2021 regular meeting were attached for review.

13. Public Comment

Darcy Dye, 114 N. Fruitport Road, said that she was wondering if Council needed to revisit the need for stop signs on Exchange St. now that corner development was proposed for both Jackson and Buchanan Streets because the Jackson/Exchange corner was already somewhat dangerous for people pulling out of the corner parking spot on Jackson St. in front of 7 Steps Up. A tall building was proposed for the corner of Buchanan and Exchange, which would create a corner similar to the 7 Steps corner and the replacement for the Haight Building had potential for blocking the sight line on the west side of Jackson. Dye said that all development downtown would increase vehicular traffic, making it more difficult for pedestrians to cross Exchange St. at all of those development points so Stop signs may be needed to make those corners safer for cars and for people!

Lee Schuitema, 408 W. Exchange, stated that he thought the project at the South end of Cutler was a good idea. He didn’t feel that stop signs at Jackson & Exchange would do any good; people were going 50 mph in front of his house.

14. Adjournment: There being no further business, Village Council adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Mark Powers, Village President                 Christine Burns, Village Manager