

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 13, 2008
SYNOPSIS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mike Trout, 8662 S. Shore, reported on status of Waumegah Lake Board projects

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approved Minutes: February 26, 2008 Special Meeting and February 14, 2008 Regular Meeting with bills and additional disbursements of \$204,989.05
- b) Accepted February 2008 Treasurer's Report
- c) Received February 2008 Reports: Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical and Fire
- d) Authorized payment of bills as presented, total \$184,493.88
- e) Amended Towering Pines Master Deed to prohibit, without prior written consent of Developer, removal of trees or other landscaping within a 30 foot front greenbelt of units
- f) Adopted Prescribed Burn Policy as presented with Supervisor's memo dated February 27, 2008
- g) Authorized revised rate schedule for Community Planners as set forth in February 13, 2008 letter/attachment from Carlisle/Wortman Assoc.
- h) Reappointed John Steckling and Ruth Ann Hines to the Planning Commission for terms that expire November 2010
- i) Adopted Northwest Oakland County Fire Collaboration Feasibility Resolution supporting moving forward with Phase I, Increased Regional Collaboration, and appointing Fire Chief and Supervisor to represent Township in Phase I organization/implementation efforts
- j) Authorized amending agreement dated August 31, 2006 between Westwood Hills Homeowners Assn. and Springfield Township to add installation of a street light at the Dixie Highway entrance to Westwood Hills at Westwood Hills expense as detailed in letters to Township dated February 15, 2008 from Homeowners Assn. and February 6, 2008 from DTE Energy
- k) Approved revised Agreement for Consulting Service for building code administration and inspection services with Carlisle/Wortman Assoc. and changes as prepared by the Township Attorney
- l) Adopted Resolution granting permission for the round up, hold, transfer and nest destruction of Canada Geese on and around Dixie Lake, from 2008 through 2012
- m) Received communications and placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adopted amendments to Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26: Portion of Indian Springs Metropark, 07-34-300-017; part of General Common Element nature preserve area of Caribou Lake Estates; part of nature preserves of Bridge Valley residential development, 07-13-476-016, 07-13-453-010, 07-13-454-015; part of Heather Highlands Golf Club, 07-04-376-006 & 007, 07-04-151-002, 07-04-376-002; part of the Springfield Twp. Shiawassee Preserve, 07-18-251-009. Authorized republication for Second Reading of proposed rezoning of Bridge Lake Bluffs park/nature preserve, 07-14-276-008, 07-14-276-015
2. Adopted Ordinance No. 78, Group Insurance Plan
3. Adopted Amendments to Ordinance No. 16, Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Zoning Map Changes, Colombiere/Shepard's Hollow: Continued First Reading to May 8, 2008 Regular Meeting
2. Awarded Mowing Bid to All N One
3. First Reading, Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act Ordinance: Authorized Second Reading
4. Community Septic Agreement, Fountain Hills & Fountain Village: Approved amending agreement subject to Attorney review
5. Established April 1, 2008 Special Meeting to discuss 2008 Priorities
6. Adjusted 2005 and 2008 CDBG Allocation Amounts
7. Amended Parks 2008 Budget Amendment
8. Defeated Proposal by Trustee Cooper to reduce salaries of Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer positions, effective November 20, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk

Call to Order: Supervisor Collin Walls called the March 13, 2008 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
Nancy Strole	Township Clerk
Jamie Dubre	Township Treasurer
David Hopper	Township Trustee
Roger Lamont	Township Trustee
Marc Cooper	Township Trustee
Dennis Vallad	Township Trustee

Others Present

Greg Need	Township Attorney
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Agenda Additions & Changes:

Trustee Vallad requested to remove item 1. Part-time Elected Officials Discussion, from Old Business. Vallad said he doesn't think this subject is productive, at this time.

Trustee Cooper requested to add item 8. Adjustment of Elected Officials Salaries to New Business.

There were no objections to these changes.

Supervisor Walls explained that item f. on the Consent Agenda, Prescribed Burning Policy and Procedures should delete the reference to Parks and Recreation Department, in the fourth line of paragraph 1. Board members were given a copy showing this change.

Public Comment:

Mike Trout, 8662 South Shore thanked the Board for re-appointing him to Waumegah Lake Improvement Board. Mr. Trout reported that the berm and other projects for the lake have been completed and were completed under budget. He also mentioned that the Lake Board had hired Dr. Pullman to prepare a balanced program for the lake. He previously presented a copy to the Board.

Consent Agenda:

- * **Trustee Hopper moved to approve the Consent Agenda as revised. Trustee Lamont supported the motion. Vote on the Motion. Yes: Walls, Strole, Dubre, Hopper, Lamont, Vallad and Cooper; No: none; The motion carried by a 7 to 0 vote.**
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Receipt of Communications

- Letter from Comcast changing authorized representative and notice recipient to Ms. Leslie Brogan
- Holly Area Youth Assistance, January 2008 Report
- Letter from Comcast regarding changes in channel line-up
- Resolution by City of Troy regarding No Reason Absentee Voting
- Letter from Holly High School regarding Senior All Night Graduation Party
- Letter from RCOC regarding SAD petition request for paving Walnut Hill Drive

- Letter from Mike Trout regarding Waumegah Lake Management Program

Public Hearing: None

Old Business:

1. Second Reading: Amendments to Zoning Map, Ordinance No. 26

Supervisor Walls reviewed the six areas before the Board at this Second Reading. All of these items were from the Public Hearing held on August 2, 2007 and forwarded to the Board by the Planning Commission. Item 4. Bridge Lake Bluffs should be tabled as there was a typographical error in the published notice. It should be correctly republished and go on the agenda at the next Township Board Meeting.

The other areas are as follows:

1. A portion of Indian Springs Metropark, located at 5200 Indian Trail and owned by Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority, P.I.#07-34-300-017, is proposed to be rezoned from RC-Resource Conservation to PR-Parks & Recreation.
2. Part of the General Common Element park/nature preserve area of Caribou Lake Estates residential development is proposed to be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation. The area proposed to be rezoned is located east and north of Clement Rd. and south of Caribou Lake Rd.
3. Bridge Valley residential development: Portions of the existing Nature Preserves are proposed to be rezoned from R-1 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation. (P.I. 07-13-476-016, 07-13-453-010) and the portion of a parcel containing an existing conservation easement is proposed to be rezoned from R-2 One Family Residential to RC Resource Conservation (07-13-454-015). The areas proposed to be rezoned are located south of Cotswold Lane and west and south of Stonevalley Bluff and are all covered by a Conservation Easement in addition to Deed Restrictions requiring preservation.
5. A portion of Heather Highlands Golf Club, located at 11450 East Holly Rd. and owned by HMS Properties Ltd., is proposed to be rezoned from RC Resource Conservation to PR Parks & Recreation. P.I. 07-04-376-006, 07-04-376-007, 07-04-151-002, 07-04-376-002. This does not include any area currently zoned Commercial or residential.
6. A portion of the Shiawassee Basin Preserve, located at 12000 Davisburg Rd. and owned by Springfield Township, is proposed to be rezoned from RC Resource Conservation to PR Parks & Recreation. P.I. 07-18-251-009.

Clerk Strole moved to adopt rezoning of properties as published for Second Reading, Specifically items 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6, said adoption to take effect (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. Trustee Vallad supported the motion.

Supervisor Walls clarified that those properties which are on a border, Indian Springs, Caribou Lake Estates and Bridge Valley Subdivision were reviewed by the Oakland County Coordinating Zoning Committee and they recommended approval.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Strole, Dubre, Hopper, Lamont, Vallad and Cooper; No: none. Motion carried by 7 to 0 vote.

Trustee Hopper asked if a tabling motion was needed for item #4.

Clerk Strole moved to table Second Reading of item # 4, proposed rezoning of a portion of the Bridge Lake Bluffs residential development, pending republishing of Second Reading of that property. Trustee Hopper supported the motion.

Trustee Vallad requested a clarification. Supervisor Walls explained the notice said R-1 and it should have said R-2.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Strole, Dubre, Hopper, Lamont, Vallad and Cooper; No: none. Motion carried by 7 to 0 vote.

2. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 78. Group Insurance Plan

Supervisor Walls explained that this is an ordinance to authorize the creation and establishment of township group insurance for health, life, disability and medical and is pursuant to a 1989 state law. Springfield Township has had these programs in effect since long before 1989 but the law was amended in 2007 and our attorney says we should have an ordinance.

Clerk Strole moved to adopt Ordinance No. 78, Group Insurance Plan as published for Second Reading, said ordinance to take effect (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. Trustee Hopper supported the motion. Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Strole, Dubre, Hopper, Lamont, Vallad and Cooper; No: none. Motion carried by 7 to 0 vote.

3. Second Reading: Amendment to Ordinance No. 16, Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance.

Supervisor Walls explained that the amendment adds to the ordinance a prohibition against the maintenance of public nuisance and it adds a definition of nuisance and expands the definition of litter with many more examples.

Trustee Hopper directed a question about Section 5, Littering to Township Attorney, Greg Need. The section refers to accepting receptacles for collection or an official township dump? Attorney Need concurred. Trustee Hopper said Springfield does not maintain a dump. Trustee Hopper asked if we want that reference in this ordinance.

Attorney Need said there is no harm in including and while he did not see Springfield Township establishing a dump anytime in the near future, it would be there should that ever happen.

Trustee Hopper also asked about the offenses and occurrences. Do we need both “offense” and “occurrence”?

Attorney Need said that question was asked several years ago when the Township adopted Civil Infractions to begin with and there was a reason at the time, but right now Need cannot recall the reason. Clerk Strole said she thought it related to having three (3) warnings, so therefore the Fourth Occurrence becomes the First Offense.

Attorney Need said he will get back with them next month to confirm.

Trustee Vallad asked if a definition exists to define offense/occurrence. Attorney Need said that it probably would be in the overall Civic Infraction Ordinance.

Trustee Vallad asked if it should be referenced here in this ordinance. Attorney Need said that is a good question and this amendment is not time critical and could be tabled until this is resolved. Supervisor Walls pointed out that this particular question has nothing to do with what is being changed with this amendment.

Attorney Need said the Board can go ahead and adopt this and he could let the Board know the answer to the specific question and make changes later, if necessary.

Clerk Strole moved to adopt amendments to Ordinance No. 16, Junk, Anti-Litter and Anti-Pollution Ordinance as published for Second Reading, said amendments to be effective (7) days after publication of Notice of Adoption. Trustee Lamont supported motion.

Kathy Paul, 9789 Norman Road, asked how are the number of occurrences/offenses set at six (6)? She said she lives next door to a situation and feels that six (6) times is a bit excessive. How did they derive the number?

Supervisor Walls responded that until Attorney Greg Need gives us a report on where it comes from and which ordinance, that question cannot be answered. Supervisor Walls says he does not know.

Kathy Paul asked if fencing will be part of the blight? Ms. Paul cited the fence along Davisburg Road, near the railroad tracks as a blighted condition and a very offensive and unsafe fencing structure in the yard at 9769 Norman Road.

Supervisor Walls responded that fencing would not come under blight but under the amendment when it becomes effective could be classified as a nuisance. A nuisance includes a condition which is obnoxious or offensive to the senses.

Kathy Paul asked if once it is published and takes effect she can come to the Township for assistance on this nuisance.

Supervisor Walls said she should contact the Ordinance Officer.

Joe Stefani, 9039 Davisburg Rd. made a comment about his home and that he had received a letter. He wanted to know how much time he has to clean it up. Mr. Stefani said he had a fire at his home and is trying to recover from that.

Supervisor Walls said that under typical situations there is a first letter, then a second letter and then a notice of Civil Infraction, which has to be paid here at the Township. Then if correction doesn't happen, it goes to District Court. Supervisor Walls told Mr. Stefani to call the Ordinance Officer and explain his situation about the fire and see what can be worked out.

Vote on the Motion. Yes: Walls, Strole, Dubre, Hopper, Lamont, Vallad and Cooper; No: none; Motion carried by 7 to 0 vote.

New Business:

1. First Reading: Proposed Zoning Map Changes, Colombiere/Sheperd's Hollow

Supervisor Walls said that the Board received the information from the Planning Commission. This is another rezoning from the August 2, 2007 Public Hearing.

Clerk Strole moved to authorize the Clerk to publish for Second Reading for proposed rezoning of a portion of what is known as Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course/Colombiere Center. P.I. #'s 07-24-351-005 and 07-25-100-005, 9075 Big Lake Road as presented at the Planning Commission Public Hearing and recommended to the Township Board by the Planning Commission. Trustee Hopper supported the motion.

Jim Roll, attorney for the Jesuits, informed the Board that the portion known as Sheperd's Hollow is a business that is owned by a separate entity other than the Jesuits. The land is owned by the Jesuits, which is the same entity that runs Colombiere. Mr. Roll said that he and the Jesuits were shocked that this item was on the agenda, as they feel this proposed rezoning is not left over from the August 2, 2007 Public Hearing but from the September 17, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Roll said that, at the September 17th meeting, it was decided the Township Board would proceed with the rezoning of the properties designated as Parks and Recreation, excluding Shepherd's Hollow and the other golf course, Heather Highlands. It was also indicated by the Planning Commissioners that the Township Board or its representative(s) would meet with individuals from the golf courses and discuss the proposed rezoning with the Jesuit organization and representatives from Heather Highlands. Mr. Roll then referenced the

February 2008 Planning Commission minutes where they recommended rezoning of Shepherd's Hollow and Colombiere and for it to move onto this Board. The name Colombiere was mentioned in the motion. Mr. Roll also was surprised by the comments from Planning Commissioners that there were no comments from either golf courses. He felt that their objections were stated clearly, and they did not want the property rezoned.

Mr. Roll said their problem with the rezoning is that while Shepherd's Hollow may be used as a golf course right now, 10 years from now it may not be. Mr. Roll said that the property is earmarked for specific apostolic work, and the money that comes from that is being held in trust from the donors who assist Colombiere in the running of their operations, i.e. U. of D., Loyola High School, Boston College and many Jesuit organizations. If this rezoning takes place it will diminish the value of the property and also possibly diminish the ability of the Jesuits to carry out the mission they have been instructed to carry on through their various benefactors and generous individuals. At this point, the Jesuits have no intention to change the golf course into some other scenario; however, that is not their decision, it is whether the golf course makes money, whether the golf course can pay their rent or whether the golf course decides to close down. If it should close down, then what can the Jesuits do with that property? Use it as a horse farm? I don't think so. Colombiere is 100% opposed to the rezoning for the purposes that have just been mentioned. Mr. Roll respectfully requests that the Board revisit their decision and the Board sit down with the Jesuits and have an open discourse to come to some type of resolution.

Supervisor Walls explained that the recommendation from the Planning Commission did come to the Township Board. Statutorily however, that created a significant procedural problem because the body that makes the final decision was asked to make a recommendation to the body that's making a recommendation. So the Township Board decided to return it back to the Planning Commission, as it is up to the Commission to make a recommendation. But, Walls said, if the Board decides to do so, between now and the Second Reading or before there is action on the Second Reading he didn't see any reason why there couldn't be a meeting of the Township Board with the property representatives. As proposed by the Planning Commission, they had good intention, but their proposal to have the Township Board make a recommendation to the Commission created a statutory conflict.

Mr. Roll said he understands that, but property representatives were anticipating a conversation, a phone call or a meeting and they were notified by some other interested party that this was coming to this meeting tonight. They cannot read every newspaper where all of their properties are located, and they expected the courtesy of a phone call to explain the conflict of interest and how it would be handled.

Treasurer Dubre clarified that Shepherd's Hollow is a leasehold property and Shepherd's Hollow does not actually own the property the golf course is located on.

Supervisor Walls said that it was the intention of the rezoning to only affect that portion of their property that is the active golf course.

Mr. Roll pointed out that there is an area included on the rezoning that is not part of Shepherd's Hollow and is actually part of Colombiere. It is the portion out front.

Supervisor Walls asked Mr. Roll to show him on the map the area. It was pointed out to be the area to the east of the driveway that is off Big Lake Road. It is separate from the rest of the area on the proposed rezoning map.

Supervisor Walls asked Trustee Lamont to clarify if the intention was to rezone only the active part of the golf course. Trustee Lamont confirmed that.

Supervisor Walls said that before the Board proceeds with any action we will need to get that straightened out through an overlay aerial photograph.

Father Norman Dickson, corporate officer of the Detroit Conference of Jesuits, said that Shepherd's Hollow comprises 90% of the property, so it covers a substantial area. He wishes to re-emphasize what Mr. Roll said, this is not private money but is held in public trust for those who have a reasonable expectation it will hold its value and be used for the purposes intended. This rezoning would be restricting. Father Dickson said that he met with Supervisor Walls 13 months ago and made it extremely clear that they do not want the zoning changed.

Supervisor Walls said that their opposition was relayed to the Planning Commission.

Trustee Lamont moved to table for further discussion. Treasurer Dubre supported the motion.

Clerk Strole said there is already a motion on the table. Supervisor Walls said a tabling motion is always in order. Attorney Greg Need said you can table the motion and that is the same effect.

Trustee Lamont moved to table the motion for further discussion.

Attorney Need said you cannot have discussion once the motion is set.

Clerk Strole asked if someone seconded the tabling of this motion. Treasurer Dubre said she did.

Trustee Cooper asked him to clarify the discussion portion of his motion.

Trustee Lamont was asked to repeat his motion. Trustee Lamont said his motion was: **Move to table for further discussion.**

Clerk Strole said that something was missing in the motion and requested clarification if it was meant to be a tabling of the main motion.

Trustee Lamont said it was a table of the main motion. Vote on the Motion. Yes: Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: Walls; Motion passed 6 to 1 vote.

Trustee Lamont said now that the motion has been passed and carried he would like to explain that his intent was to allow the Board to discuss this matter and take a step back and look forward at it at the initial motion. His goal was to allow the Board to have another look at it after the public had an opportunity to comment on the motion.

Treasurer Dubre expressed her concern about Shepherd's Hollow being a leasehold property owned by Colombiere. Shepherd's Hollow could leave and the zoning, if changed, could be set for a golf course.

Supervisor Walls said that Trustee Lamont's tabling motion actually shut off the ability to have further discussion.

Clerk Strole said her original motion would have allowed discussion.

Attorney Need said that if the Board desires to continue their discussion, then someone could move to reconsider the tabling motion. That would open it back up. At this point there is no motion and the agenda item has been disposed of for tonight.

Trustee Lamont apologized for his technical error, because his idea was to allow more discussion by the Board. Attorney Need said he misunderstood. Need said he thought the effect of Trustee Lamont's motion was to table for further discussion with the property owner, not further discussion with the Board. Attorney Need said that anyone who voted in favor of the tabling motion can move to reconsider, if that is the desire of the Board.

Clerk Strole moved to reconsider the previous tabling motion. Support by Trustee Lamont. Vote on the Motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none; Motion passed by 7 to 0 vote.

Attorney Need said that the Board now needs to vote on the tabling motion.

Vote on the Motion. Yes: none; No: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; Motion failed.

Attorney Need said that Clerk Strole's motion to authorize Second Reading is back before the Board and it can now be discussed.

Supervisor Walls explained that the only thing the Board would be voting on is authorizing to publish for Second Reading. That gives the Board from now until whenever it is set for Second Reading to meet with the property owners and to reduce the boundaries before final action if that is the conclusion.

Clerk Strole said that since there may be a portion of the proposed rezoning that would not be included in the rezoning, the Board would be permitted to reduce the area to be rezoned. Attorney Need confirmed that it could be reduced even after publication of Second Reading, prior to final action.

Treasurer Dubre asked if it should be referred back to the Planning Commission. Supervisor Walls said we need to deal with it here at the Board level.

Trustee Cooper said he is not comfortable with moving forward on this.

Clerk Strole explained the various points at which discussion could be held prior to any final action of the Board.

Treasurer Dubre feels that if they move forward for a Second Reading at the April meeting, it doesn't leave much time between now and then to arrange a meeting with the Jesuits, check out the boundaries and get the aerial overlay.

Clerk Strole said this has been going on since August 2, 2007 and it has been before the Planning Commission for their review and input. It is time to delineate what the issues are and move on one way or the other.

Supervisor Walls asked how many of the Board members would like to meet with the property owners. There were (4) responses that said they were interested.

Trustee Hopper said he didn't raise his hand to meet with property owners because he feels that the Board has already heard from the property owners. There were seven (7) different Planning Commission meetings, and he believes the property owners attended two (2) of the meetings. Trustee Hopper feels they have expressed their opinion and doesn't think another meeting would be productive.

Supervisor Walls said he doesn't have a problem meeting with the property owners. Walls feels that the minutes contain short references to their objection to the rezoning being unfair. Walls thinks there could be much more thought that would have gone into that objection than was stated at the August 2, 2007 meeting.

Supervisor Walls said that if the majority of the Board would like to meet with the property owners, assuming they are willing, then is the Board wanting to do that before the Township actually publishes for Second Reading or between now and the Second Reading? Trustee Vallad expressed that he would like it to occur before the Second Reading. Treasurer Dubre concurred.

Clerk Strole withdrew her motion to Publish for Second Reading. Supported by Trustee Hopper.

Clerk Strole moved for Continuation of First Reading of the property proposed for rezoning known as Shepherd's Hollow Golf Course with the direction that a meeting with the property owners be held and the property be further delineated through aerials or other means prior to this matter coming back to the Township Board or the May '08 meeting whichever occurs first. Supported by Trustee Vallad.

Father Norman Dickson said he doesn't think that there is much more to say. The delineation of the property is not the issue for them. Father Dickson said they have been telling the Township for months that they are dead set against the rezoning.

Supervisor Walls asked Father Dickson if they are willing to meet with the Board.

Father Dickson said yes.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none. Motion carried by 7 to 0 vote.

2. Mowing Proposals

Supervisor Walls referenced the memo to the Board. Seven bids were received. Four were similar, with two almost identical. The recommendation is to continue with All N One, who was our contractor for 2007. This year's bid is \$5 less than last year's charges.

Trustee Vallad asked about the two bids that were non-competitive.

Supervisor Walls responded that they were \$620 per cut and \$466 per cut. Others were \$624, \$460, \$425, \$440 and \$435.

Clerk Strole said that some of them had gas surcharges, others had percent increases in the 2nd and 3rd year.

Trustee Cooper asked about seeing the other bids, why weren't they included with the packet to the Board.

Clerk Strole explained that the bids came in at 4 pm on Monday, March 10, just a few days before the meeting.

Trustee Hopper moved to authorize Supervisor Walls to enter into contract with All-N-One for 2008 – 2010. Support by Cooper.

In response to Trustee Cooper's question, Clerk Strole noted that Monday, March 10th was the deadline for the bids; and, since the Board has requested to have any additional information for Board meetings by the Monday before the meeting, she stayed late to get this information into the Trustee's boxes on Monday, March 10. The memo given to the Board indicated that the bids were available for review in the Clerk's office.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none; Motion passed by 7 to 0 vote.

3. First Reading: Michigan Motor Carrier Safety Act Ordinance

Supervisor Walls explained that there are several townships who are served by the Oakland County Sheriff's department who have adopted this ordinance. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department will be trained to enforce this ordinance at the expense of the Sheriff's Department. This is not a weighmasters ordinance. It is simply an additional tool to generate revenue, in case there is a truck with an equipment failure or something in the non-weight violations area.

Supervisor Walls moved to Publish for Second Reading. Trustee Hopper supported the motion.

Clerk Strole referenced Supervisor Walls cover memo where he mentioned that fines could range from \$500 to \$2000, and in the draft ordinance it has a maximum fine of \$500.

Supervisor Walls said that the information in his memo was what he got from Sgt. Gardner. In many cases, if a vehicle is pulled over it would receive more than one violation, which could result in the larger fine amount.

Trustee Vallad asked if this includes covered loads.

Supervisor Walls said yes.

Trustee Vallad wants to know if it is enforceable through this ordinance.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none. Motion carried with 7 to 0 vote.

4. Community Septic Agreement: Fountain Hills & Fountain Village

Supervisor Walls said that a year ago that Hubble, Roth & Clark, the Township's Consulting Engineers, reviewed the agreement with SCS Systems LLC, for Fountain Hills and found it to be satisfactory. Per the March 11, 2008 letter from HRC they reviewed the O & M agreement for Fountain Village and their review is consistent with their prior review on Fountain Hills. Walls explained that it meets or exceeds everything in our Ordinance No. 63. The problem is that the current operator requires significantly more frequent visits.

Supervisor Walls asked Attorney Need if he sees anything major or alarming with the proposed change. Attorney Need said he didn't see anything, but he will take a closer look at it.

Supervisor Walls moved to approve the amendments subject to attorney's review and approval of contract language and amendments. Trustee Lamont supported the motion.

Trustee Vallad said this is long overdue and the township now has enough experience with sand filters and systems to conclude they do not require the weekly oversight that the previous contractor indicated. This will save money for the residents.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none. Motion carried with a 7 to 0 vote.

5. 2008 Priorities

Supervisor Walls has ask the Township Board to think about discussing this evening or at a workshop meeting, some priorities for the balance of our tenure over the next 6-7 months: better known as transition planning. Walls does not want to leave the new Board “out on a limb”. Does the Board wish to discuss priorities this evening or gather and compile and discuss them at a workshop meeting?

Trustee Lamont commented that he thinks this is a good idea. He feels it could be very productive. Lamont says he is willing to go with discussion this evening or at a workshop meeting.

Trustee Cooper said he would like a workshop meeting. Since we have a meeting coming up with the Jesuits and the Board will already be together, perhaps there could be a workshop meeting after that.

Supervisor Walls said we could gather the lists from the Board members by fax or e-mail, compile them and get that list out to the Board prior to the workshop meeting.

Clerk Strole feels that we should focus on a few of the priorities which appear to be important to most of the Board and attempt to complete those in the short time there is left.

The Board decided to hold the workshop meeting on April 1, 2008 at 7 pm. Clerk Strole said we need to check to be sure this room is available.

Supervisor Walls asked for the Board members’ lists to be to him by Monday, March 17, 2008.

Supervisor Walls and the Board agreed that the April 1st meeting would not be a joint meeting with the Jesuits.

Trustee Hopper asked if there was a quorum at the Jesuit’s meeting would it need to be at the Civic Center.

Supervisor Walls said that does make sense.

6. 2008 CDBG Allocation Amounts and 2005 Reprogramming

Supervisor Walls recalled that several years ago Rose Township passed a resolution to give back Federal Revenue Sharing funds, when there were such funds, because it was so difficult to be able to use them within the guidelines, and he is now beginning to think that the same is true of Block Grant funds.

Supervisor Walls reviewed minutes from the Public Hearings to allocate 2008 Block Grant funds, which also had 2005 Block Grant funds that the Township was reprogramming. The Board considered them together in making allocations for Public Service and it has now been discovered that the monies from 2005 that were to be allocated for Emergency Services cannot be done, because it exceeds the Public Service allocation for 2005.

Supervisor Walls said the suggestion is: that the new program which the Township allocated funds for 2008 was Youth Activities, that the Township reduce the \$6,000 allocation down to \$3,900 and increase the 2008 Emergency Services allocation by \$2,100. The net result in dollars is approximately the same for Emergency Services. It will simply mean that the Township will contribute more from the General Fund for Youth Activities than the Township had anticipated. Supervisor Walls said we should not send any checks to Holly Area or Clarkston Area Youth Assistance until the 2008 allocations have been approved and the Township has contracts done, so that portion of the Block Grant is not goofed up.

Clerk Strole asked when we would get that approval.

Supervisor Walls said it will probably be early summer but won't know for sure, as it is up to the Federal Government whether or not funds are allocated.

Supervisor Walls said his other suggestions for the \$2072 in 2005 reprogramming is to allocate to Housing and Rehab and return it to Oakland County for use in Springfield Township.

Trustee Vallad asked, if we return the money to Oakland County, are we assured that it will be used in Springfield Township.

Supervisor Walls and Treasurer Dubre both indicated that it will be used in Springfield Township, and that it is actually easier to make sure it is spent for that purpose. Otherwise we may lose it.

Supervisor Walls moved to modify the Public Service 2008 Allocation by reducing Youth Services from \$6,000 to \$3,900 and increase Emergency Services by \$2,100. Both Youth Services and Emergency Services are within Public Services. Also that the Township allocate the 2005 funds reprogrammed to Housing Rehabilitation through Oakland County Home Improvement. Support from Trustee Hopper.

Janet Demonaco, 6813 Deer Hills Dr., Clarkston requested a clarification of what is included in Emergency Services.

Supervisor Walls explained that it is a program that provides food for families that meet the low income guidelines, to assist with medical expenses or occasionally to help people avoid eviction by providing assistance with rent or utility payments.

Vote on the Motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none. Motion passed with 7 to 0 vote.

7. Parks 2008 Budget Amendments

Supervisor Walls said that in the memo from Jennifer Tucker, Parks Director, there is an indication that there was a temporary budget amendment for the Commission personnel. When Walls checked back in the January minutes, it was not temporary. The Parks Commission reduced their own pay per meeting from \$45 to \$35 for the entire calendar year.

Trustee Vallad concurred with Supervisor Walls, and he had also verified that with Parks Commissioner, Jean Vallad.

Supervisor Walls moved to approve amendments to the 2008 Park Fund budget, with a decrease in the Commissioners personnel cost center by \$2300, increase Administration personnel cost center by \$1525, increase Maintenance personnel cost center by \$744 and increase Senior Citizen cost center by \$31. There is no net increase in Budgeted Expenditures or Revenues. Treasurer Dubre supported the motion.

Treasurer Dubre mentioned that after she had looked at these changes, some of them as small as \$9, she had talked with Jennifer Tucker and requested that they stop making these very small changes.

Supervisor Walls addressed Dot Lalone, Parks Commissioner, in the audience and asked if she would relay to the Parks Commission to please start rounding the amendments.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont, Hopper and Cooper; No: none. Motion passed with 7 to 0 vote.

8. Elected Officials Salaries

Trustee Cooper said that he does not want to discuss Part-time Elected Officials at all, but rather would like to give the new Board coming in, in November, an opportunity to look at the three elected official positions, and with the way the State law is written, if this Board doesn't adjust salaries then any one of the 3 full-time elected officials could throw a monkey wrench in a program if they wanted to, if the full Board wanted to do it.

Trustee Cooper moved that the Township Board adjust the pay of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer effective November 20, 2008 to \$35,000 for the Supervisor, \$30,000 for the Clerk, \$30,000 for the Treasurer. This will give the new Board the ability to decide if they would like to have a Township Manager; also it will allow the Board the ability to set the pay for each position based on the additional roles the new Board might give each of the elected positions. This is not an endorsement to have or have not a manager, it only gives the new Board the ability to set pay according to the roles of the three elected positions.

Clerk Strole asked Trustee Cooper if he has a copy of the motion and requested that he distribute it to the Board.

Trustee Cooper did not have additional copies for the Board.

Treasurer Dubre supported the motion to enable discussion.

Supervisor Walls asked for clarification of what exactly was his motion and is part of it just his explanation?

Trustee Cooper said that he wanted his explanation to be part of the motion, so that the future Board will have an understanding of why we did it. So that at the December Board meeting or this Board at the November meeting can adjust the pay anyway the Board wants. Cooper is not recommending any budget adjustments, or that it is his opinion that it is the pay the new Board should have, but when the new Board is elected it gives them the opportunity to do it. If this Board doesn't do it now, then anyone of those three positions, if we leave it the way it is, the pay can't be reduced unless each individual one of the full-time people say, yes. It could be a 6 to 1 vote and we can't lower that person's pay. Let's give the Board that opportunity, and it gives this Board time to research and make a recommendation to the new Board. It also allows the people running for office to know that the position is based on other responsibilities other than the statutory requirements for each of those three positions, because part of the pay that the current positions receive is because of roles they perform besides the statutory requirements. The amounts he came up with were arbitrary amounts to give the Board a chance to discuss it. He realizes it is radical.

Supervisor Walls said that those who want to go into professional management, which he feels is an opportunity that the new full-time elected people would have anyway, it doesn't seem that the salaries would be set at these amounts. We have no idea who is running. It's not clear to him why they are discussing it at this time.

Trustee Cooper said that those running for office can take a stance one way or the other. They can say they want to keep it as a full-time position, or they don't want all the additional responsibilities and hire a manager.

Supervisor Walls said they can do that anyway. He feels this sends a wrong message to the public that says this Board thinks the job of Supervisor is only worth \$35,000; then the current Supervisor is being over-paid and so is the Clerk and Treasurer.

Clerk Strole expressed that she feels that the proposal is actually meaningless and, at the least, premature. We have a prerogative called "elections". Anyone running for office has the opportunity to state what their position is, if they have one. For this Board to be setting itself up in the manner suggested by Trustee Cooper is wrong. Strole feels that the various scenarios Trustee Cooper is suggesting are very confusing, and she is not sure what his objective is. Also, this leads into the whole discussion regarding part-time elected officials/manager, and that has

presented a very bad perception to the public at large. The perception is that there may be ulterior motives. Why is this being done? It hasn't been done before? Why is something so premature being put out there? Is it because there is a concern about who might come into office, or some who are running for office might want to be part-time? What are the motives for this? Clerk Strole feels it is up to the electorate to decide. There have been changes in the Board before, even a majority change of the Board in one election, and we have not attempted to do something like this before.

Treasurer Dubre feels there is not enough information.

Trustee Cooper repeated what he said before about State law. Cooper said that it's okay with him if the motion is voted down. He has no ulterior motives.

Treasurer Dubre said this should be up to the future Board, and she supported the motion for discussion purposes only. Every four years there are a potential seven new members that can decide salaries.

Supervisor Walls said he thought it was unfortunate that the topic of professional management was withdrawn from the agenda.

Vote on the motion. Yes: Walls, Cooper; No: Dubre, Strole, Vallad, Lamont and Hopper. Motion failed 2 to 5 vote.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment:

Hearing no other business, Supervisor Walls adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Collin W. Walls, Township Supervisor

Nancy Strole, Township Clerk



Charter Township of Springfield

Res.2008-04

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RESOLUTION PERMITTING GOOSE MANAGEMENT ON DIXIE LAKE

WHEREAS, the residents of Dixie Lake have had ongoing problems with Canadian Geese, and

WHEREAS, the Dixie Lake Home Owners Association (DLHA) and the Dixie Lake Board (DLB) intend to apply for the necessary permits from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for round up (capture), hold, transfer and/or nest destruction of Canadian Geese on and around Dixie Lake, and

WHEREAS, the DLHA & DLB will hire a state certified Nuisance Control Company to perform the work based on all conditions and requirements of the State of Michigan "Goose Program" with the understanding that the geese capture may ultimately result in the humane disposal of geese.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Springfield Township Board of Trustees hereby grants permission for the round up (capture), hold, transfer, and nest destruction of Canada Geese on and around Dixie Lake during 2008 to and including 2012.

Certification

I, Nancy Strole, duly elected Clerk of the Charter Township of Springfield, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2008.



Nancy Strole, Clerk



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NORTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY FIRE COLLABORATION FEASIBILITY PROJECT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the communities of Holly Township, Groveland Township, Rose Township, Springfield Township, and the Village of Holly participated in the Oakland County Capital and Cooperative Initiatives Revolving Fund (CCIRF) project to evaluate the feasibility of increased regional collaboration for fire service; and

WHEREAS, the final project report and presentation provide sufficient evidence to support moving in a direction of increased cooperation and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the findings and conclusions of the project support moving forward with Phase I of the reports two-phased implementation process – Phase I: Increased Regional Collaboration and Phase II: Full Consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the project steering committee and consulting team recommend moving forward with Phase I: Increased Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Phase I: Increased Regional Collaboration is a low cost, low risk and beneficial option for all participating communities; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of Phase I: Increased Regional Collaboration is not a commitment to move forward with Phase II: Full Consolidation; and

WHEREAS, Implementation of Phase II: Full Consolidation is an option in the future, which will have to be agreed upon and executed by a signed legal agreement between all communities at some time in the future, if viewed favorably at the conclusion of Phase I: Increased Regional Collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Springfield Township Board supports moving forward with Phase I: Increased Regional Collaboration in an effort to improve the fire service being offered in all communities and to provide a more regional service delivery model, offering automatic mutual aid, increased standardization and reduced costs for each community.; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Springfield Township Fire Chief and Supervisor be appointed to represent the Township in efforts to organize and implement Phase I of the project.

Certification

I, Nancy Strole, duly elected Clerk of the Charter Township of Springfield, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Springfield Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting held on March 13, 2008.



Nancy Strole, Clerk

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:	GENERAL FUND
No Limits Landscaping	\$ 4,195.75
Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka	7,000.00
Technology Solutions, LLC	2,385.20
RLW Accounting Services, LLC	210.00
Sherman Publications, Inc.	832.40
Petty Cash	16.94
Mike Forst	1,592.77
Quill (4)	478.75
Schindler	520.62
DTE Energy	1,594.20
Selective Insurance	2,202.46
Road Commission for Oakland County	1.92
Jamie Dubre	557.68
Consumers Energy	1,067.03
Mike LaLone	42.50
Clarkston Paper	36.86
Accident Fund	<u>1,328.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 24,063.58

Additional Disbursements:

Road Commission for Oakland County	\$ 1.92
DTE Energy – Street Lighting	1,759.92
Grant Ward Surveyors	36.00
American United Life Insurance Co.	13.47
No Limits Landscaping	3,029.75
Carlisle/Wortman Assoc., Inc. (2)	1,130.00
Business & Legal Records (2)	480.86
Spring Mountain Water	37.00
Nextel Communications	23.97
Adkison, Need & Allen, PLLC	2,166.66
Pitney Bowes	41.00
UNUM	286.92
Mat Rental	50.50
Absolute Building Maintenance	2,735.00
Smith's Disposal	65.00
Mechanical Comfort, Inc.	1,920.00

Quill (4)	577.69
Michigan Municipal League	8,800.89
Unicare	183.30
RLW Accounting Services, LLC	70.00
Springfield Twp. Parks & Rec.	232.57
Kerton Lumber Co.	80.83
McLeod USA	555.23
DTE Energy	31.01
Security Corporation	168.75
TOTAL	\$ 24,478.24
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 48,541.82</u>

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:	FIRE FUND
No Limits Landscaping	\$ 575.00
Suburban Office & Janitorial	71.54
Consumers Energy (2)	1,395.55
Clyde's Frame & Wheel	207.01
American Messaging	14.02
Anytime Products	3,785.57
Battery Products, Inc. (2)	300.03
Cavalier	228.85
Comcast	45.95
C&S Motors, Inc.	788.14
Kerton Lumber Co.	324.25
Mazza Auto Parts	97.49
Michigan Water Conditioning	22.50
Moore Medical	100.00
Moore's Electrical Service	500.00
Planet Rock	330.08
Payette & Associates, Inc.	224.49
Tri-Anim Health Services, Inc.	81.00
Marlan Hillman	205.81
Selective Insurance	4,013.56
Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.	1,452.00
Accident Fund	2,687.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,449.84

Additional Disbursements:

No Limits Landscaping	\$ 460.00
52 nd District Court	20.00
Lessors (8)	156.00
McKays Hardware, Inc.	15.49
Motorola	78.00
Petty Cash	48.59
DTE Energy	447.18
Matt Strickland	217.55
Nextel Communications	126.80
UNUM	80.80
Michigan Municipal League	557.68
Unicare	59.46
Road Commission for Oakland County	<u>680.27</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,947.82
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 20,397.66</u>

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.	<u>\$ 120,382.28</u>
TOTAL	\$ 120,382.28

POLICE FUND

Additional Disbursements:

None	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 0.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 120,382.28</u>

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

None	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

CABLE TV FUND

Additional Disbursements:

None	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 0.00
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

None	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 0.00

CIVIC CENTER DEBT FUND

Additional Disbursements:

None		\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

BUILDING DEPT FUND

Ron Shelton		\$ 731.25
Tim Koerber		416.98
Charles B. Warner		643.50
Grant Ward		<u>13.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 1,804.73

Additional Disbursements:

Nextel Communications		\$ 88.65
Refund – Dee Cramer		195.00
Yousif Assi		13.00
Quill (2)		62.07
Code Enforcement Services		<u>3,500.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 3,858.72
	GRAND TOTAL	\$ 5,663.45

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:

**LAKE IMPROVEMENT
FUND**

<i>Waumegah Well</i>		
DTE Energy		\$ 8.78
<i>Susin Lake</i>		
Michigan Lake & Stream Assoc.		35.00
Marvin Okun Agency, Inc.		619.00
<i>Waumegah Loan Interest</i>		
Oakland County		432.50
<i>Waumegah Loan Principal</i>		
Oakland County		16,666.67
<i>Dixie Lake</i>		
A Title Insurance Agency		500.00
Kieft Engineering, Inc.		<u>2,531.50</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 20,793.45

Additional Disbursements:

None		\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 20,793.45</u>

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT:	SOFTWATER LAKE FUND	
None		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00

Additional Disbursements:		
None		\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>

<u>GRAND TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>\$ 215,778.66</u>
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