

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
January 9th, 2020**

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP TOWN HALL
20381 FAIRLAWN AVENUE, PRIOR LAKE, MN

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl – Stantec

Absent:

Glenn Kelley - Supervisor
Dave Johnson – Treasurer

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kowalski at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- 2) Changes to the agenda. Staff requested to change order of agenda to have item 3.c (Review Options for 21/Revere Intersection) heard first. Berens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Kowalski seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0. Kelley absent.
- 3) Approval of the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes. Berens seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0. Kelley absent.

4) Public Commentary

- a) Curt Hennes, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-updates
 - i) SCALE location changed to SMSC – The Link to accommodate growing attendance.
 - ii) Carp is schooling in same spot in Spring Lake in northwest area of lake. Goal is to sein again this winter and PLSLWD will share date that seining will happen.
 - iii) Final levy set at \$1.79 M for PLSLWD same as last 3 years.

5) Agenda Items

- a) Review options for 21/Revere Intersection Improvements – Andy Brotzler, Prior Lake City Engineer, asked Board to consider supporting full intersection at 21/Revere to enable growth of commercial and retail space. Brotzler explained that Prior Lake is looking at development off of 21 (35 acres zoned commercial which would help to fill deficit on commercial land in the area). Full signal would be needed for highly developed commercial area and increased tax value for city, school and county. In addition, without a full intersection traffic would need to go through current industrial area with high truck traffic on Cottonwood which is very narrow road leading to safety concerns with higher mixed-use traffic. City recognizes the concern with the additional traffic on Revere, a township road. Kowalski explained that the County turned Revere over to Spring Lake Township in 2018 as it was not transporting the volume of traffic to support a County road. This was done prior to the study being initiated leaving the Township in a difficult position with the request as a full intersection will result in higher traffic volumes not anticipated when the road was

- turned back to the Township and it may now serve the need of a County road. A completed economic impact study is to be discussed between the County and Prior Lake in late January/early February. Kowalski asked who has the final say in the type of intersection. Brotzler believes the County may have the final say but a joint agreement may be necessary. He explained that the goal is to see how Prior Lake can collaborate with the townships and have an ongoing conversation. Brotzler stated that Prior Lake presented its comment letter to the County in November advocating for a full intersection and further noted that Community Development staff worked on the tax benefit of commercial level development rather than warehouse level development. In the absence of Supervisor Kelley, Hanson relayed his concern about utilizing 21 for its intended function of getting residents efficiently between highways and that additional stop lights will impede this function. Board has asked to be at the meeting with the City and County on the economic development concerns of the city.
- b) Consider Revisions to the Township Fee Schedule Ordinance - Domer presented revised fee ordinance 14-003 with updated costs municipal sewer and water connection fees. Kowalski made a motion to approve the revised ordinance 14-003 as presented. Berens seconded. Approved 2-0. Kelley absent.
 - c) Continue Discussion of Adopt a Highway Program - Township implemented a limited adopt a highway program when Cty Rd 81 (Fairlawn) and Cty Rd. 87 (Revere) were turned back to the Township in 2018. The Township would now like to consider creating a more formal program with processes in place. Some items discussed were duration of commitment, roads to be included in program and costs of program. Staff will check with Township Attorney about any other concerns that should be addressed before implementing expanded program.

6) **Engineer's Report**

Stordahl presented the January Engineer's Report.

- a) 185th Street East – BKJ has been directed to add more topsoil to the roadway embankments. The topsoil work was not able to be completed this season, so they'll work on this as soon as weather conditions permit in the spring.
- b) CH 21/CH 87/170th Street Intersection Improvements – Scott County contracted with Kimley-Horn to prepare recommendations for an intersection improvements project. The report reviewed several options and is recommending a modified intersection, allowing eastbound traffic to turn on and off of CH 87, westbound traffic to turn south onto CH 87, but no northbound traffic to turn west or any north-south traffic movements. The City of Prior Lake is asking for support of a fully signalized intersection (Alternative No. 3). They've studied their zoning and have found that they would benefit significantly from this option.
- c) Miscellaneous
 - TH 13/Vergus Avenue Turn Lanes – According to Alison with MnDOT on December 2nd: 'In the spring, there will be some patch work completed to fix the pavement issues that have surfaced and then install the 'ultra-thin' layer and final striping. Getting reimbursed for the dust coating done on Township roads is proving to be challenging as MnDOT is asking for records beyond what is typically kept.
 - Butterfly Lane Drainage – Blakeborough had been planning to complete the work during this construction season but because of weather, this work will have to be delayed until next year.

- Resident Field/Ditch drainage issues (Roach)– Consider drainage repairs in Spring, starting with cleaning/jetting under road and adding cleanout on west side of Fairlawn Ave. BKJ was planning to do this work but was delayed due to weather and other projects and it didn't happen. This will be a priority for the 2020 season. Megan Taska, Scott County, has found a map indicating where drain tile is located and noted that residents in the development are to maintain it. Board asked Stordahl to work with BKJ this winter to determine where collapse may be and then work toward a resolution of the issue.
 - PLSLWD –TAC meeting was held on December 18th, 2019. A draft Water Resources Management Plan was distributed. It will be issued on January 15th for 60-day review, and a public hearing is scheduled for February 11th. April 14th go for BWSR review. Water specialist at Stantec is reviewing water management plan.
- d) Development
- i) Orderly Annexation Agreement – Currently no activity due to recent legal decisions on City growth and transportation system funding mechanisms and proposed legislation changes.
 - ii) Developments –
 - (1) Legacy Addition (Cleary Acres) – Plat approval has been granted, and review comments are being addressed. County shared new grading plans that slightly changed boundaries of two lots. It's anticipated that the comments will be addressed soon.

7) Road Report

- a) BKJ had a busy month plowing but overall, with very difficult weather conditions, it went well with concerns addressed quickly.
- b) No road issues.
- c) Speed limit sign installed in Harvest Bluffs.

8) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Hanson shared Fish Lake Park Restoration and Shoreline Enhancement Project Contract Agreement. Maintenance for the next two years is part of the grant and upon acceptance of the agreement Spring Lake Township would take on costs of maintenance. Staff will work with Applied Ecological Services to coordinate work for the rain garden, prairie and shoreline to reduce overall costs and trips. Agreement to be negotiated in 2020 for 2021-2024.

9) Water Resources Report

10) Treasurer's Report

- a) Hanson presented the December, 2019 Treasurer's Report. In December total receipts were \$497,179.20, total disbursements were \$278,883.47, and the ending cash balance was \$2,277,973.70. Kowalski made a motion to approve the December, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

11) SCALE

- a) New location – SMSC The Link starting 1/10/2020.

12) New Business/Old Business

- a) Staff suggested and Board agreed to consider hosting an event this summer to recognize the work of our contracting team.

13) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the January, 2020 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 12973 to 13004, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

14) The following items were included in the Board's information packets for informational purposes:

- List of upcoming meetings

There being no further business before the Board, Berens made a motion to adjourn. Kowalski seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Thaddeus Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk