

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2020**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

Absent:

Glenn Kelley – Supervisor

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kowalski at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
 - b) Changes to the agenda. Staff requested to add items 1.d Approval of 2020 organizational minutes and item 1.e Approval of orderly annexation special meeting minutes. Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Berens seconded. All in favor.
 - c) Approval of the January 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kowalski seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0. Kelley absent.
 - d) Approval of the 2020 organizational meeting minutes. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes. Berens seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0. Kelley absent.
 - e) Approval of the January 13 2020 Orderly Annexation special meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kowalski seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0. Kelley absent.
- 2) **Public Commentary**
 - a) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner- Updates
 - i) 21/13 Intersection- Construction will begin in April with a goal of completion in July. Berens asked about timing with work on 42; Wolf stated that the timing will be coordinated so that they are not both closed at the same time.
 - ii) 21& Revere (87) Intersection- Prior Lake would like to straighten connection and develop retail and commercial area. Kowalski stated he understands the need for development but reiterated his concern about the timing of the County requiring Spring Lake Township to take ownership of Revere/87 in 2018 with light levels of traffic and now contemplating a full/busy intersection. Wolf noted that he thought a good compromise could be reached.
 - iii) Prior Lake American – letter to editor (2/15) will express concern about inequity of being the first person in. Price of houses is getting higher but it is not just from fees as homes are getting larger and inflation is a concern.
 - b) Curt Hennes, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-
 - i) Healthy Soils Meeting- March 19, from 9am – 3:30pm in Jordan at Ridges Golf Course.

- ii) Carp Seining – February 8, 2020 Spring Lake carp seining was unsuccessful because nets got snagged on east side of lake. Another seining will be attempted in Spring when ice is out and lake bottom has better quality. PLSLWD would like to sein on Prior Lake where schooling near Mud Bay. Goal is to reduce carp population with seining and stocking of blue gills.
- iii) Alum treatment– \$400,000 grant from BWSR will be used for alum treatment on Upper Prior and Spring Lake; treatment won't happen until more carp are removed. Sediment readings will be completed again on Spring before doing the final treatment.
- iv) March 15th – Last date for applications for open board position on PLSLWD. One position opened after member Corrigan moved out of area with last day (February 14, 2020) and other position is open in regular course of serving. Interviewing March 20, 2020.
- c) Bonnie Grundman, 20091 Erickson Path, Farmington, MN 55024 PID111320010 asked the Board if they would allow a separate access point to their property. Originally, owner was required to have a shared driveway as the road was County road but now the road is owned by the Township. Grundman explained that the County used their property to pump down McMahan but there was no access put in, they just used the ditch. Kowalski suggested moving the driveway as far north as possible but that the Board would be supportive of a separate access point.
- d) Randy Kubes- Kubes Reality- Asked if there were any initial concerns about developing property at 20810 Vergus. Initial goal is to put in seven lots that would front directly onto Vergus. Berens explained that the County ordinance requires that the development must be on a paved road but the Township can make an exception but the condition and use of the road would be a concern to be addressed. Kowalski stated that a Development Review Team meeting would be required where Township Engineer would address issues regarding right of way, road positioning and road types.

3) **Agenda Items**

- a) Discuss Drainage Concern at 18700 Revere Ave. – Debbie Carlson purchased a 20 acre property in 1980 and pastured most of it for her horses. She expressed concern with a neighbor's permit to pump water under Mushtown contributing to the issue of making most of her pasture unusable. She has asked only that the farmer be required to hold back some of the water during these very wet years and examine if the natural drainage has been impacted by silt build up. Commissioner Wolf asked if there is a County ditch that needs to be cleaned out and provided Carlson the number for Soil and Water Conservation District. Staff asked to check for any water pumping permit.
- b) Discussion of Spring Road Restrictions – Board discussed purpose and impact of road restriction and set the rule that all Township roads will be restricted in the Spring to 5 tons with exceptions for Fairlawn and Mushtown and Dairy Lane at 9 tons.
- c) Consider Adoption of Resolution 20-001 Adopt A Road Program - Berens made a motion to adopt resolution 20-001 Adopt A Road Program. Kowalski seconded.

4) **Engineer's Report**

Stordahl presented the February Engineer's Report.

- a) 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.

- b) Mushtown Road – Braun Intertec is contracted to complete soil borings, currently scheduled to be completed in late February/early March. A Gopher State One Call (GSOC) request was made to get maps of all of the existing utilities along the roadway.
- 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. Treasurer has provided 3 year look back to be submitted to DOT.
 - i) PLSLWD – A public hearing is scheduled for February 11th to review the draft Water Resources Management Plan. Further discussion will be had about the rules but there is anticipation that consensus will be reached.
 - ii) Parkview Culvert – damage caused by trenching from Jaguar.
- d) Development
 - i) Orderly Annexation Agreement – Currently no activity due to recent legal decisions on City growth and transportation system funding mechanisms. Kowalski noted that the Township has concerns about losing 11% of our tax base in 2025 when the South Shore Drive and Vergus areas are annexed without having sufficient development during the years of the agreement to make up for the loss which will impact all residents. Kowalski has asked the City to move out the annexation date. It was suggested to the Board and Staff that the Township could collect money now to make up for the lost taxes on those properties so we might have more development but with the help of the Township Attorney enabling statutory authority has not been found.
 - ii) Developments –
 - (1) Legacy Addition (Cleary Acres) – Plat approval has been granted, and review comments are being addressed. It's anticipated that the comments will be addressed soon.
 - (2) Potential new development off of Revere - Concern was expressed about how water will be managed.

5) Road Report

- a) No road issues.
- b) 2019 Dust Coating from Hwy 13 Detour- cost analysis for reimbursement complete and to be sent to MnDOT for reimbursement
- c) Plowing Issues:
 - i) County Salt Loader- Doug Johnson (BKJ Trucking) reported that Spring Lake Township may have been overcharged for salt as SLT is the default entity when loading and will be charged if it isn't manually changed by the person loading salt. County is aware of the issue and will fix it.
 - ii) Brine Impact: BKJ noted that spraying roads with brine solution prior to snow even is reducing the use of salt by 50% and keeping the roads cleaner.

iii) Event List – Staff asked to send monthly event calendar to BKJ for plowing coordination.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

a) Fish Lake Sportsman Club – staff suggested Fish Lake Sportsman Club purchase new AED machine rather than projects in exchange for 2019 and 2020 meeting space. Kowalski and Berens are in support.

7) Water Resources Report

a) Scott Clean Water Education Program- meeting held February 12, 2020 to review 2019 programs and plan for 2020. Emphasis for 2020 will likely be around reducing salt usage and decreasing bacteria in our lakes and streams.

8) Treasurer’s Report

a) Johnson presented the January, 2020 Treasurer’s Report. In January total receipts were \$111,555.52 total disbursements were \$215,290.14 and the ending cash balance was \$2,174,238.98. Kowalski made a motion to approve the January, 2019 Treasurer’s Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

a) Meeting at the Link on 2/14/2020 at 7:30.

10) New Business/Old Business

a) Dust Coating for 190th/Vergus- MnDOT Reimbursement to be requested again.
b) Mixed Use Overlay Open House -Meeting on February 24, 2020.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the February, 2020 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 13005 to 13044, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

12) 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, Kowalski made a motion to adjourn. Berens seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Thaddeus Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk