

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

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor Glenn Kelley – Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

Absent:

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Berens at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- b) Changes to the agenda. Add 3.a (1) Adopt Resolution 20-009 Adopting the Assessment of 185th St. East from Vergus to Newport Avenue. Remove item 3.c) and replace with Review and Approve Resolution 20-013 Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$ 950,000 General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness. Remove item 3.f) and replace with Consider Request for Additional CARES funding for Broadband in Spring Lake Township. Kelley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- c) Approval of the July 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Kelley made a motion to approve as amended by adding date at time of adjournment. Berens seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0.

- 2) **Public Commentary**
 - a) Lisa Quinn – 1996 Spring Lake Circle requested information about who mows the right of way at the launch near Lake View Drive. Berens explained that the DNR is responsible for the area surrounding the launch and Spring Lake Township for the area west of the creek on Spring Lake Circle. The township mows three times per year.
 - b) Tom Wolf- Scott County Commissioner Update:
 - i) Scott Household Hazardous waste is not fully open (appointments only) and much is being dumped on the township, county and city roads as a result. Wolf would like to see steeper fines/enforcement for those caught dumping garbage.
 - c) Curt Hennes- Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District (PLSLWD) Update:
 - i) PLSLWD working with WENCK engineering to locate areas for water storage to mitigate issues with Cty Rd 13 ditch water quantities and are planning a tour with government reps to review possible locations.
 - ii) PLSLWD will be stocking lakes this fall: Prior Lake is to be stocked in fall with 2000 Bluegills and 800 Walleye. Spring Lake is to be stocked in fall with 2000 Bluegills and 1000 Largemouth Bass. PLSLW will then do a count/monitoring in the spring to see how they all survived the winter. The cost of

stocking is \$10,000 but several groups are helping with donations totaling up to \$6000.

- iii) PLSLWD is planning a winter carp sein on the lakes with the goal of removing 15-16 ton of carp.
- iv) Fish Lake could receive an Alum treatment if funding source is found. The estimated cost, according to Kelley is about \$120,000.

3) **Agenda Items**

- a) 185th Street Final Assessment Public Hearing- Kelley made a motion to recess the monthly meeting for a public hearing. Berens seconded. Monthly Board meeting was recessed to hold Final Assessment public hearing for 185th Street Road Improvement project. See separate minutes for public hearing.
 - a) (1) Adopt Resolution 20-009 Adopting the Assessment of 185th St. East from Vergus to Newport Avenue. Berens made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-009 with the redaction of “grinding the existing bituminous, reclaiming the base”. Kelley seconded. All in favor.
 - b) Consider Presale Report for Financing of Mushtown Improvement. - Chris Mickelson from Ehlers presented a summary of presale report for General Obligations Bonds for financing of Mushtown Road project. Bond Rating for Spring Lake Township will be re-examined; the sale will be a full competitive bid with the Award of Sale of Certificates expected to be at September 10th meeting and funds expected to be available October 1, 2020. Mickelson noted that the interest rates are the lowest they have ever seen.
 - c) Review and Approve Resolution 20-013-013 Resolution Providing for the Sale of 950,000 General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness- Kelley made a motion to adopt Resolution 20-013 Resolution Providing for the Sale of \$950,000 General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness. Berens seconded. All in favor.
 - d) Discuss Potential McMahan Lake Outlet Project – Bob Grundman 20091 Erickson Path, Farmington, on behalf of residents on McMahan Lake, expressed appreciation of Kowalski’s attendance at the July 21st meeting regarding the high-water levels and potential outlet project on McMahan Lake. Grundman asked the Board to consider financing options for help in financing an outlet on McMahan Lake to reduce high water levels and noted that exploration of a special assessment should not be in place of other investigations for grants and other funding options. Melissa Bokman, Scott Water Management Organization (WMO), explained that they are still seeking money from a variety of sources - Legislative Bonding Bill, DNR Grant, and Clean Water Fund Grant. The Scott WMO has set aside \$130,000 for the project but these funds will be reallocated at the end of 2020 if there is not another funding source for the project. Hanson explained that the township has been working with the township attorney to explore finance options from both the Township and the County as the project crosses two Townships and there is both County and State property around the lake. It was noted that the process would likely be simplified if the County would do a subordinate service district. Stordahl asked what the trigger is to retain the \$130,000 from the WMO; Bokman stated that they would need to have a funding source secured. Kelley asked how many residents are on the lake and willing to participate financially to the project. According to Grundman, there are 17 property owners with approximately 80% willing to participate in a funding. The total cost of the project \$469,000. Kim Gensmer noted that others are interested in the project but have been unable to attend the meetings. Berens noted that the advantage of an SSD is that there

are ongoing maintenance options. The Board asked the township and county to continue to work together on financing options.

- e) Discuss Signage Around McMahon Lake Launch- Bob Grundman 20091 Erickson Path, Farmington expressed concerns about safety on Mushtown road because vehicles and trailers are parking on the road since the launch is flooded. He asked to have signage added to slow the traffic. Berens noted that the township has limited opportunity to change speed limits and that this type of change would require a MnDOT speed study. Stordahl suggested that a speed study could be done but he believes it would be unlikely to change the speed limit and suggested advisory speed limits signs which are less enforceable but can be effective for warning of safety concerns. Stordahl said he will see if there is an advisory sign for a boat launch. Bokman asked if parking could be limited to one side (lake side). Berens asked if the DNR could also look into options and asked for Stordahl to bring back recommendations at September meeting.
- f) Consider Request for Additional CARES funding for Broadband in Spring Lake Township- Perry Mulcrone discussed the current state of Broadband in the Scott County and noted there are areas still under or un-served. In response, to The County Board approved \$1 million for two initiatives for expanding broadband. As there are portions of Spring Lake Townships still not served, Mulcrone asked if the Board would consider additional funding for more fixed wireless in the area that CARES funding could cover – beyond the \$25,000 already spent. Steve Herman, NetWave Broadband, explained topography makes service to 161st Street and areas on Malibu difficult but that they feel they have a viable option with “micro pop towers.” Herman also noted that there are 45 people currently serviced by the Vergus tower with 175 people waiting to get on which will happen after fiber issues are resolved in the next week. Mulcrone noted that the cost of one additional tower and the two micro pops is \$165,000 and asked Spring Lake Township to contribute a portion of CARES funding to help defray the costs. Berens asked staff to set up a special meeting to review and discuss request.
- g) Consider Resolution 20-011 Supporting Incorporation of Credit River Township-After discussion, Berens asked to reconsider with full Board at September meeting.

4) Engineer’s Report

Stordahl presented the August Engineer’s Report.

- a) 185th Street East –BKJ has received their Final Payment and the warranty period has started.
- b) CH 21/CH 87/170th Street Intersection Improvements. Two additional options have been prepared and were discussed on a July 8th conference call. The County appears to be settling in on an option that does not include a turn option for westbound traffic to go south on Revere. The development of these new options did not include cost or traffic volume estimates, and the County does not appear to be interested in completing them.
- c) Mushtown Road – The project has been awarded to Northwest Asphalt. They are scheduled to start work on August 17th, with an anticipated completion in 5 – 6 weeks (October 1st). Early traffic control measures are currently in place, and residents have been notified of the upcoming work. The Contractor is planning to start by reclaiming all of the existing asphalt pavement, replace the culvert on the south end of Mushtown, grade the ditches, and then proceed with the roadway improvements. Stordahl requested to amend engineering contract to include \$63,089 for the work on the project

for a total of \$129,107 for engineering costs comparable to Xeon costs. Berens asked to review and approve these costs at the September meeting.

Berens asked to look consider paving 400 feet of 182nd near Mushtown Road as part of the project to help with slippery conditions near the stop sign.

- d) McMahon Lake Outfall – In 2019, Scott County WMO has contracted with WSB to explore options for providing McMahon Lake with an outlet. They presented an option that constructs a pipe system from the southwest corner of McMahon Lake west to Saint Catherine Lake in Cedar Lake Township, with an estimated cost of \$469,000. The WMO has allocated \$130,000 for the project and is looking to secure a \$130,000 grant. The WMO is looking for Township financial participation in the project.

e) Miscellaneous

- Resident Field/Ditch drainage issues (Jerry Roach property) – BKJ attempted to locate the once but failed to locate the tile. Their next step is to bring in a tiling contractor with considerable experience to help locate this problem area.
- 165th St Pond – A resident informed us that there are two pipe issues on the pond on the west end of 165th Street. On both the inlet and outlet pipes, there are pipe joints that have come apart and will need to be repaired. BKJ has completed this work.
- 190th Street Culvert – A culvert crossing 190th just west of Fox Ridge Road appears to have failed on the north side of the road. BKJ has submitted a bid of \$29,000 for this project and will make the repairs before the 2020-21 school year.
- 206th Street Drainage – The grading work has been completed with only the seeding/restoration work remaining.
- MS4 Inspections – Pond and outfall inspections have been completed. New ponds still need to be added to the inventory list and the report finalized.
- 20855 Mushtown Drainage Issue –The farmer has been contacted and told what needs to be done to correct the issue.
- 3750 Hickory Trail – The resident at the property contacted the Township regarding a culvert that needs maintenance. Valley Construction & Repair is planning to complete this work within the next week.
- 190th and Panama- Stordahl asked about accidents at intersection and sight distances. The sight distances are sufficient and accidents are happening because people are blowing through sign or failing to yield but most accidents have been relatively minor. Most accidents are happening with west bound traffic.

5) Road Report

a) No road issues

b) County put posts in for stop ahead sign on Flag Trail and New AAH signs on 170th East of Baseline and Langford.

c) Staff was asked to read the following from Gary Andersen of 17 S Sutton Lake Blvd: “Today I walked the sections of Xeon and So Sutton Lake Blvd that we’ve paved a few years ago. I counted 224 complete pavement cracks that extend from one shoulder to the other. There are other cracks down the center of the roadways and some that partially traverse the lanes that I did not count. Last February after heavy rain and then freezing, these roads were terribly rough due to the heaving that occurred on both sides of these cracks. I would hope these roads are scheduled for repair this year and urge the board to

have the cracks blown out and sealed with a quality product to try to preserve them. Thank you for your consideration of this request.” Berens noted that this road has been reviewed during the spring road tour and the recommendation is for crack sealing the road in 2021.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

a) Ash Tree Treatment Bids-

- i) A bid was received in the amount of \$860 for treatment of Emerald Ash Borer in 7 trees. Berens asked to reconsider at the September meeting with full Board.
- ii) A bid was received in the amount of \$4600 for replacing parking lot landscaping. Berens asked to reconsider at the September meeting with full Board.

b) Website Redesign- Due to resignation of current webmaster and need to upgrade for meeting higher demand for disseminating information more quickly and use on a mobile device during COVID, bids were solicited for a new website support company as well as a website redesign to include the following items:

1. a refreshed/updated look
2. the ability staff to post announcements and add documents
3. Townhall Rental calendar to utilize Staff’s Outlook calendar
4. mobile friendly.

Bids were received from Rowes Work Media for approximately \$3000-\$4000 plus \$50/hr for support, Iceberg Web Design for approximately \$8450 plus \$99/month for support and Granicus for approximately \$7500 plus \$4000/year for support. Kelley made a motion to engage with Rowes Work Media for redesign of the website. Berens seconded. All in favor.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) Kelley attended Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District workshop – preliminary budget reviewed, new Board Members sworn in and discussed potential alum treatment on Fish Lake.

8) Treasurer’s Report

- a) Johnson presented the July, 2020 Treasurer’s Report. In July total receipts were \$25,492.38, total disbursements were \$244,276.57, and the ending cash balance was \$2,160,420.87. Kelley made a motion to approve the July, 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) Kelley attended SCALE Executive meeting which included:
 - i) An update on Live Learn Earn initiative
 - ii) A request from law enforcement for SCALE to help fund equip and prepare departments with riot training
 - iii) A request from Mayor Briggs for more money for a lobbyist for the road fee legislation.
- b) Friday 8/14/2020 SCALE meeting will be held via Zoom with primary topic of results from most recent MMH student study.
- c) Claire Robling will be retiring from her position with Scott County at the end of 2020

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) Elections held with 198 people voting.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the August, 2020 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 13207 to 13254, 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, Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Berens seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Thaddeus Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk