

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ORDERLY ANNEXATION
July 14, 2021
20381 Fairlawn Ave, Prior Lake

Present: Spring Lake Township

Ted Kowalski –Supervisor
Melissa Hanson- Clerk
Sara Domer- Deputy Clerk

Doug Berens – Supervisor
Matt Stordahl- Engineer

Lisa Quinn- Supervisor
Peter Tiede- Attorney

Present: City of Prior Lake

Supervisor

Kevin Burkart- Council Member
Casey McCabe- Comm. Dev. Dir.

Zach Braid- Council Member
Andy Brotzler- Engineer

Jason Wedel- City Manager
Sarah Schwarzhoff-Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Doug Berens at 3:30pm.

The special meeting was held to continue discussion of the Orderly Annexation Agreement concerns and goals for a future Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of Prior Lake.

Feasibility Study from 20 years ago reviewed by Prior Lake and noted to provide historical information about improvements and costs but not future plans.

Police Calls Clarification– Prior Lake clarified that 75 service calls in 2020 for areas of 24.1 and 24.2 or about 1.5% of yearly calls. Discussion about how mutual aid impacts the volume.

Anticipated Annexation Phasing Map (Sanitary Sewer Assessment)– Sewer and water phasing map provided. Discussion had about how plan could work to development in a phased manner for efficiency and to minimize creation of “islands.” Current island of 10.3 could be served in Phase 2. Map to be reviewed by SLT for next meeting and township noted that all areas in provided map will have fallen out of current orderly annexation agreement.

Existing Clause 7 (Extension of sewer and water)- specifically as related to areas of 24.1 and 24.2. Discussion had about the meaning of bringing sewer and water to annexed area (with or without petition), timing, and how assessments would work with goal to make sure all, particularly residents, have clear understanding of financial impact. More discussion needed as different interpretations were forwarded.

Flexibility on 24.1 and 24.2 – Discussion had about flexibility in delaying 24.1 and 24.2. Historical review of agreement provided with context of how development happened during time of current agreement. Request by township to delay annexation of 24.1 and 24.2 due to loss of namesake and significant tax base. City provided guidance for policy that requires annexation for extension of services and articulated other costs incurred for Raymond Park maintenance and oversizing of pipe to serve the remaining portion of the south side of the lake. Township contends that 24.1 and 24.2 should be considered as an exception to policy as services were for environmental protection rather than for development which was prohibited under the agreement. Township would consider reimbursing for other city incurred costs, if a delay was provided.

Discussion had about value and need for a new agreement with next step to break into work groups to start exploring elements of a new agreement.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Doug Berens, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk