

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2023**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor  
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Lisa Quinn – Supervisor  
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl – Stantec

Absent:

Dave Johnson - Treasurer

- 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 as agenda item 3.d) Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 23-007 Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for Improvement of South Shore Drive, South Shore Circle, Rustic Hill Drive, Rustic Hill Court and Sunrise Court Starting from Sunset Trail Southwest. Berens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- 2) **Public Commentary**
  - a) Michelle Ludowese, 20751 Jansen Ave- Requested permission to use area around Fish Lake Park for dog training. After her dummy launch was mistaken for gun shots, Sheriff suggested reaching out to township to get approval for continued usage of the park for training in area outside of off-leash area. If permission granted, Sheriff has asked to be notified so if they get a call, they know it is not gunshots. Discussion had regarding no pet signs around park and whether they should be removed. Discussion also had regarding leashed vs. non leashed pets. Discussion tabled until later date.
  - b) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner-
    - i) Elko/New Market approved various water bottling requirements; noted businesses should be approved in Scott County.
    - ii) Funding for 282/169 and Ports of Savage received, and projects will move forward. Working for funding for bridge at 2 & 35.
    - iii) Paving by Ports of Savage.
    - iv) Cannabis sales approval by state. Currently 12 or 13 sellers allowed in County (based on population). Rules and regulations are still unknown but seem similar to alcohol laws.
- 3) **Agenda Items**
  - a) Consent Agenda- Those items on the Board Agenda which are considered routine or non-controversial are included as part of the Consent Agenda. Unless a supervisor specifically requests that an item on the Consent Agenda be removed and considered separately, items on

the Consent Agenda are considered under one motion, second and vote. Any item removed from the consent agenda shall be placed on the council agenda under Items Removed

i) Approval of May 11, 2023 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

Berens made a motion to approve consent agenda. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

- b) Consider Request for Support of Doherty's Tavern-Renewal of 2:00 a.m. Liquor License- The Board reviewed a Sheriff's incident report for the tavern for the past twelve months. Noting no significant issues with the operation of the tavern, Berens made a motion to approve Resolution #23-006 supporting renewal of a 2:00 a.m. liquor license for S.S.K. Group, L.L.C. d/b/a Doherty's Tavern. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- c) Fish Lake Management Plan Update- Emily Dick, PLSLWD, gave an update on the progress of the Fish Lake Management Plan, including initial findings and landowner input. Next landowner meeting will be in October. Presentation attached and to be placed on website.
- d) Review and Consider Approval of Resolution 23-007 Accepting the Bid and Awarding the Contract for Improvement of South Shore Drive, South Shore Circle, Rustic Hill Drive, Rustic Hill Court and Sunrise Court Starting From Sunset Trail Southwest- Bids were received and opened on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Board was presented with a bid summary detailing all bids received. The lowest bid was received by SM Hentges in the amount of \$449,784. Kowalski made a motion to approve resolution 23-007 accepting and awarding contract for South Shore Drive, et al. subject to secured funding. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- e) MS4 Annual Review- Hanson presented a general overview and current challenges of the permit.

#### 4) Engineer's Report

Stordahl presented the June Engineer's Report.

##### a) Miscellaneous

- Flag Trail Paving – McNamara Contracting has been awarded the project. The preconstruction meeting was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and they're planning to start the work in early July. Their submitted schedule shows the work to be completed in 2 weeks.
- South Shore Drive Improvements – The bid opening was on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Stordahl to prepare and send letter to residents detailing project, timeline and noting that there is no assessment for maintenance projects.
- 2023 Road Maintenance – Crackseal work has been completed with sealcoat currently scheduled for this week. Stordahl to request two sweepings and hold striping until later in summer to optimize striping.
- Dairy Lane & Hwy 282 – MnDOT is working with Scott County to prepare a cooperative agreement to pay for the needed road repairs.

##### b) Development

- Orderly Annexation Agreement
  - Discussion had about resuming talks with the City of Prior Lake and role of Scott County.
  - A letter will be sent to annexation area residents by Spring Lake Township updating them on annexation.

- Developments –
  - Smaagard Oaks – The development has been approved.
  - TH282/TH13 Industrial Park – JMH Land was denied the Comp Plan amendment by Scott County.
  - Scenic Bay Estates – The base course paving has been completed and rough grading has been completed. Home construction has started on some of the lots. A project punchlist has been prepared and forwarded to the Developer.
  - Schieffer/Bassett Development Amazed Acres – The base course paving has been completed, and the storm sewer & pond construction is complete. The street signs need to be installed and the site will be ready for home construction. A project punchlist has been prepared and forwarded to the Developer. The Developer has stated that he would be agreeable to helping address the temporary cul-de-sac issue if an agreement can be reached regarding further reducing the project surety. Concerns around pavement sinking and ditch grading remain.
  - Rural Business – Sand Creek Township – Update provided about County Comp Plan Amendment request similar to Hentges request that was denied for Hentges in Spring Lake Township. Decision upcoming.

#### **5) Road Report**

- a) Graveling, grading and dust coating completed.
- b) 170th and Langford – report of asphalt dumped- contractor to be contacted.
- c) Ash Tree removal project on Vergus Ave from 195<sup>th</sup> to Cty Rd 8- Berens expressed concern over the number of dead or dying ash trees on Vergus and suggested looking at removal. Staff shared a checklist from Minnesota Association of Townships regarding removal of trees. Doug Schoenecker will provide an estimate for review and marking an area on Vergus to provide a better understanding of the number of trees and Stordahl will help draft a document for bidding the project.

#### **6) Town Hall and Parks Report**

- a) Irrigation system start up completed. Valve box repaired. Water fountain shut off for season. Berens suggested replacing water fountain with a bottle filler. Staff will research and follow up.
- b) Pavilion – Fish Lake Sportsman Club, assembled picnic tables, power-washed and painted inside of pavilion, added new trim to shed.

#### **7) Water Resources Report**

- a) SCALE Water Committee – County requested representatives from Local Government Units who have responsibilities and/or interest in water management issues to engage, learn from each other. Supervisor Quinn to be SLT representative.
- b) McMahon Outlet- funding has officially changed to SWCD. WSB engineering firm is now working on the 90% of the outlet design.
- c) Shoreline restoration meeting next week to be held at SLT town hall.
- d) Fish Lake Management Plan-Land Owner Meeting- Quinn joined meeting which was well attended by land owners.

**8) Treasurer's Report**

- a) Hanson presented the May 2023 Treasurer's Report. In May total receipts were \$17,643.45, total disbursements were \$110,642.89, and the ending cash balance was \$3,279,678.09. Kowalski made a motion to approve the May 2023 Treasurer's Report. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

**9) SCALE**

- a) Supervisor Quinn concluding time as SCALE chair- Board thanked her for her time and commitment.
- b) June 9th Meeting- Representative Angie Craig to attend.

**10) New Business/Old Business**

- a) Dust Coating applied week of June 5th.
- b) Berens was impressed by the County Household Hazardous Waste facility after a recent visit and suggested a post be made on the Spring Lake Township website to inform more of our residents.

**11) Approval of Disbursements** - The Board reviewed the June 2023 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 14400 to 14424, 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:

- MAT Information for Vegetation Removal

There being no further business before the Board, Berens made a motion to adjourn. Quinn seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk  
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Ted Kowalski, Chairman

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Melissa Hanson, Clerk