

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

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

Present:

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor                      Lisa Quinn – Supervisor  
Melissa Hanson – Clerk                        Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

Absent:

Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk  
Doug Berens - 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. Quinn made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.
- 2) **Public Commentary**
  - a) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner-
    - i) Road maintenance concerns in some townships
    - ii) Money being saved with lack of snow – sand and salt
    - iii) County to consider some more Comp Plan Amendments for 2.5 acres and rural industrial. Brad Davis to provide more information.
  - b) Christian Morkeberg, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-
    - i) Water partners worked on WBIF funding and
      - (1) Fish Lake improvement project discussed as a possible project to help it get off the impaired list.
      - (2) Clean water funding with SWCD – stream bank stabilization for Buck Lake could be a potential project.
    - ii) Overview of all projects within PLSLWD reviewed by Board.
    - iii) Stormwater pond on Vergus- appears to be functioning properly; it will not be maintained as a park but effectiveness will be looked at again in the spring.
      - (1) Question asked how often silt is cleaned out – Stordahl explained it is not a planned event but it is based on the functioning of the pond.
    - iv) Raymond Park Maintenance concerns if park is turned over to Township
      - (1) Mulch is needed on the paths – asked if mulch could be brought in small batches by Prior Lake before turning it over as it should be in good condition.
      - (2) Removal of extra wood.
      - (3) Buck thorn management project.
      - (4) Controlled burn for the area.

- v) Annexation – expressed concern for extra costs (premium) for sewer and water and that it not be a profit center for the City and that they would lenient and kind with the increase.
- c) Rosemary Acampora, 21650 Malibu Ave.- Concerned about lack of response from County regarding a massive junk yard on Malibu. Commissioner Wolf took information.
- d) Abbie Box, representing property owner of Lot 3 (or C) (PID 119330041) Debbie Alshebaiki – stating that she is going to be seeking a new variance at March meeting for access to lot 3 from Lot 1 (or A) (owners Acampora). Property owned since 1999 and would like to proceed with a new variance to replace the expired one. There is an existing and legal easement in place. The request is only for a variance.
  - i) Rosemary Acampora- 21650 Malibu Ave. Expressed concern about the potential access for Lot C that is required stating that a survey is needed as well as a bridge over the wetland that drains into Lake Cynthia and that the DNR needs to give approval. She is concerned that if the easement is enforced, there will be a road to nowhere.
- e) Dan Pitsch- 18290 Blake Road – Resident and runs IT Consulting business. Shared concern about lack of high-speed internet providers in his area and asked for the Board to support Nuvera bringing fiber to the area. He explained that there is conduit already in the ground but no open fiber. Staff explained the Board has been supportive of Internet Providers who are able to reach non or under-served residents in the Township. Commissioner Tom Wolf took information to share with County.

### 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 January 11, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes.
  - ii) Approval of January 11, 2024 Organizational Meeting Minutes

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

- b) Consider Request for Variance at 2540 South Shore Drive- Patrick Dwyer 2540 South Shore Drive. Patrick Dwyer is asking for support for 2 variances. The current garage, shed and impervious surface exceed County impervious surface and setback requirements. The current owners would like to reduce the impervious surface, tear down shed within ordinary high water(OHW) setback and tear down garage within ROW setback in order to build a new garage and an addition to the home. Variance 1: Impervious surface will go from 84% to 57% (County required 25%, City required 30%) Variance 2: The current shed is 37ft from OHW and will be torn down to allow for a home addition that will be 59ft from OHW (required 75ft). Current garage is 12ft from ROW, no variance needed for new garage as it will be 25ft from ROW (required 25ft). Letters of support from neighbors on either side were received. Staff stated that Prior Lake is in favor of allowing the Planning Commission to decide. Engineer had no concerns about project. Quinn made motion to approve variances from impervious surface and distance from OHW. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.

c) Orderly Annexation

The Board is in possession of the latest draft of the agreement. Discussion had and questions asked about the permanency of 24.1, 24.2 and 24.3 (South Shore and Vergus Areas). Board shared that November 7<sup>th</sup> letter from Prior Lake articulates that the areas are to be permanently in the Township but agreement needs to articulate this clearly. Other issues of concerns around road maintenance and personal sanitary sewer systems in the areas are being worked on with the goal for both the township and city to have an unambiguous agreement. Residents raised concerns about the 20% increase in utilities and the justification for it.

**4) Engineer's Report** - Stordahl presented the February Engineer's Report.

a) Miscellaneous

- i. Dairy Lane & Hwy 282 – MnDOT has declared that they have done what they are going to do, attempting to make this a Township issue. We have filed a complaint and are communicating with the MnDOT Ombudsman (a mediator) to try to find a resolution. The Ombudsman sent a letter to Charlie Bohn and the Township stating that MnDOT will not be doing any additional work and that any repairs will need to be completed by the Township. Town Attorney drafting a letter to get response from MnDOT. Wolf to connect with County Administrator and Representatives.
- ii. Vergus Tree Maintenance – Cole Cuts has started the project work.
- iii. 2024 JPA Project – The roads have been reviewed for 2024 crackseal and sealcoat work. The JPA project is scheduled to bid in late February/early March. Quantities supplied and Bids will be opened in March.

b) Development

- i) Orderly Annexation Agreement – Prior Lake and the Township have held several meetings. Prior Lake provided a draft OAA document, the Township reviewed and provided comments back to the City, and the City is currently reviewing those comments. Board asked to consider open house date later in March.
- ii) Developments –
  - (1) Nomadic Homes & Scheiffer 7 – There are some early discussions surrounding possible development in the area of TH13 and Cty Rd 10. Nomadic Homes would like to construct a 50,000 SF warehouse facility on the west side of TH13, and a preliminary discussion with Mr. Scheiffer was had to determine his interest in doing something with his parcels on the east side of the highway. These projects would involve a Comp Plan amendment, and preliminary discussions with the County lead us to believe that they would support the projects. A meeting was held with the land owners updating them regarding the development process, timeframes, and potential future rural industrial development beyond their properties.
  - (2) Rural Industrial Development Transportation Study- available in March.

**5) Road Report**

- a) Stop ahead sign replaced at 200<sup>th</sup> St.
- b) Refrigerator to be picked up near Mushtown.
- c) Raymond Park – Road sign questions – Quinn suggested moving some signs and adding another parking spot if the Township takes over Raymond Park.

**6) Town Hall and Parks Report**

- a) Park signs will need to be replaced. Consider additional or new signs in collaboration with CAC and PLSLWD.

**7) Water Resources Report**

- a) McMahon Lake Project Open House – To be held February 15<sup>th</sup> at Spring Lake Town Hall from 6:00-8:00 pm with an engineer presentation at 6:30.
- b) BWSR WBIF Grant Meeting -- first meeting held February 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss process for determining projects to be funded. Each district designation has specified funding attributed to it but there is willingness to share across districts if needed.
- c) Scott County Water Plan – Input period 60 days in April and May for 2050 plan. Discussion had about opportunities for ditch maintenance and wetland maintenance at Mushtown and Revere (180<sup>th</sup> and 190<sup>th</sup>) as well as a more comprehensive look at the water issues in the WMO. An additional consideration was offered regarding fixing the Buck Lake drain tile with the PLSLWD grant. Quinn shared grant minimum is \$50,000 with a 10% match by the Township and a two-year window for completion. If the project is in PLSLWD area, PLSLWD would be grant administrator. Two projects offered for consideration 1. \$50,000 for Buck Lake tile project that feeds Spring and Prior and/or 2. \$25,000 for Fish Lake for phosphorous management. Discussion about a feasibility study for a structure at Raymond Park to help with water storage and clarity. More information needed for that project.

**8) Treasurer's Report**

- a) Johnson presented the January, 2024 Treasurer's Report.
  - i) Fund Transfers –
    - (1) General Fund to Park Fund \$14,000
    - (2) Road & Bridge to Debt Service Fund -\$112,665
    - (3) Road & Bridge to Debt Service \$90,539
      - (a) Kowalski made a motion for to approve funds transfers. Quinn seconded.
    - (4) In January total receipts were \$14,654.93, total disbursements were \$245,804.65, and the ending cash balance was \$1994,554.04. Quinn made a motion to approve the January, 2024 Treasurer's Report. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.

**9) SCALE**

- a) February Meeting- Topics: Non-Profits in Our Community and Metropolitan Regional Planning
  - i) Legislative Priority – Met Council Reform Update – Task force did not recommend any reforms.

**10) New Business/Old Business**

- a) Annual Meeting – March 12, 2024 at 7:00
  - i) PLSLWD and CAC – one or both may attend.

- 11) Approval of Disbursements** The Board reviewed the February, 2023 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 14678 to 14711, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

There being no further business before the Board, Kowalski made a motion to adjourn. Quinn seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk  
Spring Lake Township

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

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Ted Kowalski, Chairman

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Melissa Hanson, Clerk