

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
April 11, 2024**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Lisa Quinn – Supervisor
Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

- 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. Berens seconded. All in favor.

2) Public Commentary

- a) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner-
 - i) Road Projects out for bid and looking positive.
 - ii) Yellow Candy Store is moving in 2027 to new location in a land exchange with Scott County because 169 interchange project would have restricted access to the store. Old location will be purchased by the US Fish and Wildlife.
 - iii) Police Officer funding- State is looking at additional funding for retaining officers for a longer period of time rather than going into retirement - particularly with shortage of officers.
- b) Christian Morkeberg, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-
 - i) Annual Report- completed and includes water quality charts that show improvement for all lakes (primarily from a reduction in phosphorous).
 - ii) Fish Lake Management Plan – staff and Board have determined priority projects. Next step is to connect with interested landowners about projects.
 - iii) Shoreline Restoration – working with SWCD on project for Fish Lake; funding and education will be available for interested residents.
 - iv) Sand Point Beach - will close at the end of July which will likely result in additional traffic on other lakes.
 - v) Aquatic vegetation- more plants are being seen as water quality increases.
 - vi) Prior Lake Outlet needs to be repaired. This is the most important flood management element of the lake. Hoping for money to complete the project with money from the bonding bill or a MPCA grant.
- c) Barbara Lerschen, 2771 South Shore Drive – Spring Lake Township sign on 8 is in wrong location. Stordahl is aware of it and will have it moved.

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 March 14, 2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

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

- b) Discussion –Potential Road Assessment Change: Financial Impact- Johnson presented high-level overview of potential assessment impact if Mill and Overlays were assessed at same or similar level as Full Reconstructs (30%/70% resident/town). Information to be expanded to include a variety of scenarios for local and collector roads at a workshop to be scheduled on May 9th at 5:30 PM.

- i) Quinn also requested a workshop to explore maximizing grant opportunities for the township. Stordahl to consult grant expert at Stantec.

4) **Engineer's Report**

Stordahl presented the April Engineer's Report.

a) Miscellaneous

- Dairy Lane & Hwy 282 – MnDOT has declared that they have done what they are going to do, attempting to make this a Township issue. The MnDOT 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. Lisa Freese has stated that, after the March Board meeting, that she had discussed this matter with Tom Wolf and was going to see if she would be able to help pressure MnDOT in some way. Kowalski, Stordahl and Wolf will try to meet.
- 2024 JPA Project – The JPA project has bid and the preconstruction meeting was held on April 11th. Crack Seal, Seal Coating and Striping.
- 21024 Pin Oak Lane – In the summer of 2023, the property owner contracted to add a pool and associated landscaping improvements. Their contractor imported a large amount of topsoil, having the trucks leave the soil on the road and then they moved it onto the property. This practice created two issues. First, their drivers were not careful about where they dumped the material and dumped it directly into the storm sewer catch basin. The second issue was that when they were doing this work, there was a significant rainstorm, and the roads were excessively dirty as a result. Their contractor cleaned the road, but the Township hired a contractor to clean the storm sewer system at a price of \$5015. This invoice has been forwarded to the property owner, but they have not responded in any way.
- Spring Road Tour – Any concerns found by Engineer and Road Supervisor to be shared, including sign replacements.

b) Development

- Orderly Annexation Agreement – Prior Lake and the Township have held several meetings, reviewing a draft OAA document. The City and the Township appear to be close to having an acceptable agreement, but

the City has had to divert their attention to a legislative issue surrounding housing density being discussed at the State Capital. Discussions will resume after May 20th end of legislative session. Staff reached out to City about South Shore Drive need for mill and overlay to try to get project started regardless of annexation status; meeting to be scheduled.

- Developments –
 - Nomadic Homes & Schieffer 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. Schiffer 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 proposal to study the land in this area and help guide its development is being prepared for Township Board consideration and a possible County CDA grant. We are discussing the status of this study and the timing of the Comp Plan Update that would be needed for the Hagge and Schieffer properties to develop with County staff.

5) Road Report

- a) Road Overseer will be out for 8 weeks starting 4/17/2024.
- b) Vergus Ave - missing a no trailer sign. Post remains.
- c) 13/282/17- Discussion had about realignment proposal.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Quote received in the amount of \$3385 to add a filtered bottle filler to water fountain in town hall, \$3,125 for non-filtered. Grant money available in the amount of \$1600 to use towards cost. Kowalski made a motion to approve the cost to add bottle filler. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- b) Bid received to relocate speaker box to locked closet in amount of \$600. Kowalski made a motion to approve cost to move. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- c) Phone jacks in hall have been fixed.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) WBIF Deadline Approaching – 3 projects proposed including projects on Fish Lake, Buck Lake and a wetland issue. Final meeting on April 22nd.

8) Treasurer's Report

- a) Johnson presented the March, 2024 Treasurer's Report. In March total receipts were \$12680.43, total disbursements were \$75,213.47, and the ending cash balance was \$2,668,911.56. Quinn made a motion to approve the March, 2024 Treasurer's Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) April 12- Meeting Topics: County & City ARPA Projects and SCALE Housing.
- b) April 15- Service Deliver Meeting topics include Township, City and County Relationships and Newspaper Publishing.

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) Staff had discussion with Prior Lake Chief and City Administrator about increase in EMS calls for City of Prior. Meeting scheduled with Scott County to discuss call-out protocols for County Dispatch to address discrepancy in service delivery levels.
- b) Emergency Service Agreement amended and approved by Township Attorney to be signed at end of meeting.
- c) Prior Lake American will cease production at the end of the month. Per Minnesota Association of Townships, a new paper needs to be named for legal notices - either Star Tribune or Pioneer Press. Designated Paper rates: .52 per line Pioneer Press; \$1.58 per line Star Tribune Sunday Circulation 136,492 and 206,724 respectively. Kowalski made a motion to designate Star Tribune for our legal notices. Quinn seconded.
- d) Staff requested any input for Prior Lake's Parks and Trail plan be submitted by May 1.
- e) Staff requested any input for Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District Plan Amendment be submitted by May 1.
- f) Staff noted July 30th is the first date for filing for supervisor candidacy.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the April, 2024 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 14752 to 14782, 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 9:00 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Ted Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk