

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2026**

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

Present:

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor Lisa Quinn – Chair Jeff Miller - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stonebrooke

Absent:

Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk Dave Johnson - Treasurer Nate Drews- Stantec

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Quinn at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- b) Changes to the agenda. Staff asked to add item 3a(iv) to the consent agenda Approval of First Amendment to the Agreement for Fire and Rescue Services which provides for purchasing of Ladder Truck in 2027. Due to timing conflicts: Remove item 3b, bump up item 3h to follow item 3e which will be followed by Engineers Report and then resumption of Agenda items. Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Miller seconded. All in favor.

2) Public Commentary

- a) Christian Morkeberg, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-
 - i) Fish Lake - 200th street pond improvement project in 2026
 - ii) Spring Lake/Prior Lakes - Iron Enhances at Spring Lake West project in 2026
 - iii) Spring Lake/Prior Lakes- Wetland Enhancement project in 2026
 - iv) Spring Lake/Prior Lakes - Iron chloride pond – design improvements in 2026
 - v) Jan 28th Lake friendly farm event with award ceremony and speaker. Quinn and Miller to attend.
- b) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner-
 - i) 68/23- project spring/summer 2026
 - ii) 35/2- (Elko) \$7 M study planned for interchange improvements.
 - iii) Jon Ulrich County Commissioner Chair for 2026.6
 - iv) State layoffs could happen.

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 December 11, 2025 Monthly Meeting Minutes.

- ii) Approval of Resolution 26-001 Approving Temporary Liquor License for the Jordan Lions Club
- iii) Approval of Resolution 26-002 Supporting Dissolution of US Highway 169 Coalition
- iv) Approval of First Amendment to the Agreement for Fire and Rescue Services.

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

- ~~b) Noxious Weed Management Program Report & Updates Meghan Darley, Scott County, presented findings from 2025 township weed spraying.~~
- c) South Shore Drive/Rustic Hill Right of Way Vacation Public Hearing -Hanson explained that all requirements for vacating this ROW have been met. Public hearing was called to order by Kowalski and Quinn seconded. at 6:07. Quinn asked three times for any comments. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:10.
- d) Consider Approval of Vacation of South Shore Drive/Rustic Hill Drive Right of Way- After hearing no comments at the public hearing, Kowalski made a motion to order the vacation of the right of way between South Shore Drive and Rustic Hill Dr. Miller seconded. All in favor.
- e) 199th Street Road Project Public Hearing- Miller provided high-level review of road review process. Stordahl provided details about the 199th project including the plan to grind down bituminous, add gravel to the road complete and roll test to ensure the base is solid and then pave. Project will include driveway to about the culvert. The project cost is estimated \$425,000 Township covers 70% with a 30% assessment divided among to residents equaling \$125,051 divided by the 14 properties with an estimated assessment of \$9,111. Stordahl reviewed next steps and goal to pave spring/summer 2026. Kowalski made a motion to open Public Hearing seconded by Miller. Public hearing opened at 6:15pm. Dan Ryan at 2799 asked about impact to concrete driveways, Stordahl explained only blacktop driveways impacted. Resident ask if weight restrictions could be in place because of large trucks in the area. Stordahl explained spring load restrictions will be in place but during summer season removed as ground is solid. Resident asked how often roads are reviewed, Stordahl stated Road Tour is completed every year. Christopher Maxwell 2996 199th St- asked about need for soil borings, how much gravel will be added for base and if MnDOT specifications used. Stordahl explained that an alternative to soil borings will be used to mitigate expense, that at least 3 inches of base will be used and MnDOT specifications are adhered to. Brenda Devlin 20001 Jasper asked about ongoing maintenance concerns. Stordahl explained background of maintenance and how the township manages with seal coating, crack sealing but with diminishing returns after 12-15 years, we then start planning for reconstruct. Lori Aajer 2601 199th shared concern that plowing is causing damage. Board shared that the road is in poor shape, once fixed there should no longer be seal coating or tar removed. Resident asked if there is a different special assessment for businesses on the road. Board explained there is not a separate policy for home businesses. Alana Sutherland 2995 199th St E, Rylander 2796 199th and Don Roach 20010 Jasper all expressed concern about culverts and drainage. Chad Walen - 2650 199th asked if it was possible to increase visibility and decrease severity of turn from Fairlawn. David Aaker 2601 199th asked about removing chunk of asphalt from his property. After hearing no more comments, Kowalski made a motion for the public hearing to be closed. Quinn seconded, all in favor. Public hearing closed at 6:40.

Kowalski made a motion to Approve Plan Order Plans and Specifications for 199th project. Miller seconded. All in favor

- f) Consider Approval of Request to Rezone and Preliminary and Final Plat for West View Acres (3 new parcels, PID 11929001). Kubes is requesting to rezone 24 acres of the 114-acre parcel from RR1 To RR2 as well as approval of the preliminary and final plat consisting of 3 new parcels within the 24 acres. Hanson explained the area is guided for RR-2 (rural residential). Stordahl has reviewed and has no concerns. Quinn shared concern about mailbox location to ensure future delivery. Kowalski noted sight lines are ok and speed should not be a concern for the development. Kowalski made a motion to approve the rezone and preliminary and final plat of West View Acres. Miller seconded. All in favor. Kubes shared later that plat would be renamed to something other than West View.
- g) Consider Approval of Revisions to the Township Fee Schedule Ordinance- Staff presented revised fee ordinance 14-003 with updated costs primarily impacting escrows. Kowalski made a motion to approve the revisions to the fee schedule ordinance. Quinn seconded. All in favor.
- h) Consider Approval of Amendment to Ordinance 11-001 Hazardous Trees- Proposed changes included adding criteria for who pays for fallen trees. Hanson explained all publishing requirements met. Kowalski made a motion to approve the amended ordinance. Miller seconded. All in favor.

4) Engineer’s Report

Stordahl presented the January Engineer’s Report.

a) MS4: Stantec

- Township’s MS4 permit documentation in preparation for the permit schedule deadlines- In process.
- New MS4 draft permit was released and Stantec staff is reviewing. Will coordinate with Township on major changes.
- MS4 Inspections field inspections are complete. Currently updating a GIS dashboard for Township staff to assess maintenance or repair needs. Staff currently making some additional edits to online GIS fields. Stantec to coordinate a meeting with staff and Engineer when GIS mapping updates are complete.

b) 2050 Comp Plan Study: Stantec

Rural Industrial Study-

Task	Description	% Complete	ETA of Completion
Task 1	Background data assembly	100%	[11/24/2025] Background Report Complete
Task 2	Concept Master Plan	0%	[1/22/2026] Elements of Task 4 are prerequisite.
Task 3	Off-site aerial review of farmed wetlands and est. wetland boundaries	100%	[9-10/2025] Task 3 is complete. Wetland area map shared.

Task 4	Wetland Delineation, Inventory & Replacement options	35%	[2/20/2026] Subtask 1 (Field work) complete. Subtask 3 will most likely be done in late Jan., when the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) is available for meetings. 3-4 meetings anticipated. Multiple attempts to schedule these meetings have been made with no response. Latest email to Troy Kuphal w/ Scott County sent 1/7/26
Task 5	Final Master Plan	0%	[3/12/26] Final Master Plan within 4 weeks of township board meeting and open house to review the draft concept plan.
Task 6	Community Engagement	0%	Open house will be scheduled when a draft concept plan is prepared. Any relevant input from both the township board and residents will be incorporated into a final master plan.
Task 7	Land Use Plan & Zoning Amendments	0%	This task will not be completed as scoped - land use will be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan Update process with Scott County.

c) **Lydia Prime Central Development Review:** Stantec

- Review and comments of developer plans and associated documents to be completed for the February 12th meeting. Waiting for application and fees for township from developer.

d) **Road Projects**

1. Buck Lake Circle Reconstruction: Stonebrooke; Status- Design phase- All surveying complete and wetland enhancement project to be discussed with PLSLWD – working with appraiser for purchasing easement. In the road \$281 v \$218K in the road or
-Full Project Budget = \$1.05M.. New: Cost of appraiser study estimate: \$10,000 for road assessment report; \$2000 for each easement.

Task	Description	% Complete	Completion ETA	Notes
Task 1	Feasibility Study	100%	May 6, 2025	Study approved at the May 8 th Board meeting.
Task 2	Coordination with Prior Lake	90%	Unknown	Prior Lake is claiming they do not contribute any water to the wetland complex and will not participate in SLT's project costs.
Task 3	Hold Public Hearing	0%		It has not been initiated yet.
Task 4	Prepare Construction Documents	30%		Design survey work has been completed. Design work is underway for the draintile replacement, and meetings with the Watershed will occur soon.

2. 199th Street Reconstruction: Stonebrooke; Status- Under Consideration

-Full Project Budget = \$425,200. Feasibility Study has been completed for Board review. Public Hearing will be held on January 8th 2026.

Order Feasibility Report	Nov 13, 2025	Complete
Accept Feasibility Report/Call for a Public Improvement Hearing	Dec 11, 2025	Complete
Public Improvement Hearing	Jan 8, 2026	In process
Order Plans and Specifications	Jan 8, 2026	In process
Approve Plans/specs authorize bidding	Mar 12, 2026	
Open Bids/Call for Assessment Hearing	Apr 9, 2026	

Assessment Hearing	May 14 2026	
Award Contract	May 14 2026	
Begin Construction	Summer 2026	
End Construction	Summer 2026	

e) **Development Projects: Stonebrooke** – Creative Cash/Lakeview has installed culverts at two of the three required locations. The third culvert will need to be installed in the spring/summer. Stordahl recommends retaining \$6000 of surety and refunding \$19,263 Kowalski made a motion to approve the reduction of surety. Miller seconded all in favor.

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>DRT MtgHeld</i>	<i>Plat</i>	<i>Construction Plans?</i>	<i>Developers Agmt?</i>	<i>Construction Started?</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Creative Cash Partners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Culvert installation is nearing completion.
Schieffer 7	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Preliminary plat and construction plans have been submitted to County. To be submitted to Town.

f) **Outside Agency Projects:**

<i>Owner</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Project Phase</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Prior Lake	Aspen Ridge Development	Construction	2025 Construction is complete.
Prior Lake	AUAR Study for Annexation Area	Study	The draft study has been completed and has been shared with the public for comments. We have reviewed the study and don't find anything objectionable. Requested review by Planner
Scott County	Panama & 190 th Roundabout	Design	Design work is complete and the review process has begun. The project has Federal funding, so the review process is expected to take a long time. Timing 2026 Multi-mailbox placement is under consideration. School close to labor day-intersection to be closed.
MnDOT	Hwy 13/Hwy 282/Cty Rd 17 Roundabout	Concept	Preliminary planning has begun for the future road layout, trending towards a roundabout. Accident data has been collected and shared for the area.

g) **Miscellaneous:**

- Prior Lake/Spring Lake Shared Road Agreements, Stonebrooke– The City has proposed a 60% City; 40% Township split for costs of M/O reconstructs impacting Fairlawn (Hwy 13 to 180th), Mushtown (Ponds Parkway to 180th); 180th E (Mushtown to Revere). Future paving/maintenance of 180th St E at Fairlawn would be Prior

Lake's. Other road maintenance activities would be as currently shared in the agreement.

- Prior Lake/Spring Lake Utilities Agreement, Stonebrooke– The City has been asked to draft the Agreements and they have agreed.
- **Cedar Lake Township is planning to talk to Spring Lake and New Market Townships** about the upcoming improvements needed on Winker Lane and Winker Court. All three Townships have different approaches to projects like this, so we'll need to strategize how and when this project will move forward.

5) Road Report- Miller

- a) A couple of concerns about plowing- mailboxes and slippery spots but all addressed by BKJ.
- b) Quinn asked about issues at Amazed with cul-de-sac and standards that were in place. Kowalski explained that standards updated and that option removed.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Cracked window in Treasurer's office to be reviewed.
- b) Quinn noted that next Parks Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for February. Among items to be discussed are plantings of grass and trees in Raymond and South Shore are on the agenda for this month,

7) Water Resources Report - Quinn

- a) State Grant Year- (WBIF)- contemplating a future Alum Treatment in Fish Lake with anticipated success since phosphorous is internally loading and this type of treatment has shown effectiveness.

8) Treasurer's Report

- a) Johnson presented the December, 2025 Treasurer's Report. In December total receipts were \$694,380.76, total disbursements were \$73,330,78 and the ending cash balance was \$1,192,973.15. Kowalski made a motion to approve the December, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

9) SCALE

- a) December General Meeting – Agricultural Land in Scott County
- b) January General Meeting – panel update on opioid crisis.

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) Panama Mail- Rep Bakeberg, Sen Pratt and Congresswoman Craig are aware of the concern and considering options for working with USPS to find workable solutions.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the January, 2026 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 15467 to 15892, 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 7:45 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk

Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Lisa Quinn, Chairperson

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