

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

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

Present:

Lisa Quinn – Chairperson	Jeff Miller - Supervisor	Melissa Hanson – Clerk
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk	Dave Johnson - Treasurer	

Absent:

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor	Matt Stordahl - Stonebrooke
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- 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 requested to add 3.d) Support of Revocation of an IUP (23-003) for Home Extended Business for Andrew Peterson at 17766 Langford Ave. Chairperson Quinn 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) Farmer Led Council Meeting- Thanked the Supervisors for attending.
 - (1) Lake friendly farm award was awarded to 2 families.
 - (2) Speaker/Researcher presented on drain tiles.
 - ii) Swamp Lake Iron Enhances Sand Filter tour will take place this summer.

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 8, 2026 Monthly Meeting Minutes.
 - ii) Approval of January 8, 2026 Organizational Minutes.
 - iii) Approval of Permanent Easement for Public Drainage and Utility Purposes with City of Prior Lake.

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

- b) Noxious Weed Management Program Report & Updates -Meghan Darley, Scott Soil and Water Conservation District, presented findings from 2025 township weed spraying program.
 - i) Grant funding in 2025 used for mapping and monitoring. Darley explains she also reviews roads for weeds before and after application.
 - ii) Sprayed approx. 40 acres in 2025- same as in years past.

- iii) First year is most expensive, then cost decreases as weeds are mitigated. Goal is to not have to spray every year,
 - iv) Wild parsnip and Thistle are weeds most concerning in County.
 - v) No grant will be awarded for program in 2026. Rates will remain the same as 2025.
 - vi) Decision needed by May 15th. Suggested spending about \$2500 for weeds next year.
- c) Winker Court – Discussion with Cedar Lake -Road Improvements and Agreement- Robin Lichtblau, Cedar Lake Township Treasurer, provided an update on subordinate service districts (SSD's):
- i) 12 roads/neighborhoods were at the original SSD meeting. 6 roads signed up for construction projects. In process of getting bids to provide estimates to the residents for the cost so they can move forward with the project or let the road go back to gravel.
 - (1) Lichtblau noted that crowns are low and they will do a mill overlay to help (2 inch mill and 2 overlay).
 - ii) Shared road agreement is expiring and needs renewal. Cedar Lake's process is to Seal coat every 5th year and they do not crack seal.

Hanson noted that per the Shared Road Agreement that the townships have to agree on the type of project – mill and overlay or reconstruct and that Stordahl provided a memo explaining the differences but has not yet provided a recommendation. A significant difference in resident contribution also exists with Spring Lake Township Residents paying up to 30% of a reconstruction or 0% for mill and overlay which is considered maintenance.

Board will provide information back to Cedar Lake in March. Miller and Stordahl will review road condition.

- d) Support of Revocation of an IUP (23-003) for Home Extended Business for Andrew Peterson at 17766. Hanson explained that in March of 2023, Peterson was granted a permit for a home extended business to operate a small trucking company with inside storage of vehicles. The permit included 12 conditions set by the County.
- i) April 2024- Peterson received notice of violation of 3 conditions including storage of junk cars. Peterson asked for time to address. Shortly after Scott Soil and Water Conservation District and Department of Natural Resources pursued action for violations involving disturbing of a wetland.
 - ii) June 2025- Peterson received another notice of violation. Peterson again asked for more time.
 - iii) January 2026- Peterson received a final notice stating if violations were not addressed by the end of January the County Planning Commission would review and consider revocation at the Feb 9th meeting. Supervisor Kowalski spoke with Peterson twice prior to the meeting sharing the stated concerns and the date of the County Meeting.
 - iv) February 9th 2026 Planning Commission Meeting - the revocation was presented. Peterson did not appear. The Commission voted to support revocation and to pass the matter on to Scott County Commissioners.

The County has requested Township provide their recommendation prior to the County Board Meeting. Miller made a motion to support revocation of IUP 23-003. Quinn seconded. All in favor.

4) Engineer’s Report

Draws presented the Stantec portion of the February 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%	Preparing to kick-off this task this week. Feb 23 – Draft 6 th , End of March complete
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	40%	[Summer ‘26] Conducted a meeting with PLSWD and Scott County discussing classification of wetlands in the study area. A draft summary of results and protection requirements was sent to PLSWD and Scott County 2/9/2026 for review and feedback. Full delineation is not required. Boundary estimate completed. PLSLWD and WMO are reviewing by Feb 23rd .
Task 5	Final Master Plan	0%	Final Master Plan within 4 weeks of township board meeting and open house to review the draft concept plan. Goal April 20th .
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.
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- c) Lydia Prime Central Development Review: Stantec
- Application, fees, and revised plans have been submitted. Stantec reviewing for March 12th meeting.

d) Road Projects

1. Buck Lake Circle Reconstruction: Stonebrooke; Status- Design phase- All surveying complete, and a collaboration meeting was held with Troy Kuphal to discuss design requirements. We are working with an appraiser to determine costs for purchasing easements. In the road \$281 v \$218K in easement.
-Full Project Budget = \$1.05M. 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- Design phase. Waiting for ditch snow to melt to evaluate drainage concerns raised by residents at the public hearing. Plans for the road reconstruction are underway.
-Full Project Budget = \$425,200. Feasibility Study has been completed for Board review.

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	Complete
Order Plans and Specifications	Jan 8, 2026	Complete
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 included in the plans may be able to be eliminated due to a possible error in the developer’s plans. A revised plan is being developed and a plan will be prepared to show the revisions.

Project Name	DRT Mtg Held	Plat	Construction Plans?	Developers Agmt?	Construction Started?	Note
Creative Cash Partners	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Culvert installation is nearing completion.
Schieffer 7 Lydia Prime Central Dev.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Needed	No	Preliminary plat and construction plans have been submitted to County and the Township.

f) Outside Agency Projects:

Owner	Description	Project Phase	Notes
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. Planner Haskamp reviewed it as well and also didn’t find anything objectionable.
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. Multi-mailbox placement is under consideration. Construction is planned to start after the end of the school year and be completed before Labor Day..

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. In addition to roundabout planning, MnDOT is looking for interim solutions to help with accident and near-miss issues.
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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 strategize how and when this project will move forward.
- *New-* Verling Property in Prior Lake is pending sale and development requiring a Comp Plan Amendment – 29 acres business park; 49 acres med density residential and 29 acres low density. Comments needed by April 6.

5) Road Report

- a) Doug Johnson provided list of streets with nuisance trees he would like removed- either hit truck or small trees that prevent plowing. Miller to review the list.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Town Hall has two cracked windows that will be replaced. Staff will work with Solar Shield after installation to get film added.
- b) Staff to contact electrician about replacement of fluorescent bulbs.
- c) Parks Committee Meeting held 2/11/2026. New park lead for Raymond. Volunteer group will be available for small projects. Possible donation opportunities for specific projects. Consider adding sand and some trees to provide more shade at South Shore Park. Raymond-concerns with ATV/Motorized vehicles on path and more woodchips are needed on paths.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) PLSLWD – workshop canceled.
- b) CAC- Alum treatment on Upper Prior. Spring and Fish are more impaired but obligation is to Upper Prior. Spring will get continued support for external loading and Fish will likely receive a future alum treatment.

8) Treasurer’s Report

- a) Johnson presented the January, 2026 Treasurer’s Report. In January total receipts were \$27120.72, total disbursements were \$287,221.58, and the ending cash balance was

\$932,872.29. Quinn made a motion to approve the January, 2026 Treasurer's Report. Miller seconded. All in favor.

- b) Johnson shared his resignation plan for the end of the month but will stay on to help with transition.

9) SCALE

- a) Quinn attended.
- b) **2/13 General Meeting:** Topic- Unfunded mandates, federal cost shifts

10) New Business/Old Business

- a) Panama Mail- Escalated to Angie Craig's office – they too are unable to get the Prior Lake Post Office to return calls/emails.
- b) Annual Meeting Notice- The law allows an alternative to published notice for the annual meeting – the supervisors may order the notice to be posted instead of published unless the voters at any prior annual meeting voted to do something different. Miller made a motion to order the annual meeting notice to be posted instead of published. Quinn seconded. All in favor. Meeting is March 10th at 7:00.
- c) Recycling Funds- we are in discussions about a joint recycling event with neighboring townships and Scott County to provide a free shred event for residents along with one or two other opportunities for tires, mattress, furniture, or clothing recycling. The funds are provided by a recycling grant and the County allocates those to townships/cities.
- d) 180th Street Wetland Turnback- Staff learned that Scott County plans to turn over property located at 180th/Fairlawn to the Township next week. Jody Hassel- Scott County ROW agent- explained that the County is reviewing records and this property should have been turned over when Fairlawn turned back in 2018. Staff asked if County would consider helping fix the wetland drainage issue prior to turning it back— inquiry to be made.
- e) Board Of Audit – Thursday Feb 26th at 12:00.

11) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the February, 2026 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 15468 to 15526, to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

There being no further business before the Board, Miller 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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