

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
February 14th, 2019**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor  
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor  
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Kyle Renneke - Stantec

Absent:

Glenn Kelley – Supervisor

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kowalski at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- b) Changes to the agenda. Staff requested adding: Approval of 185<sup>th</sup> Public Hearings (1d & 1e); January 17 Public Hearing on Improvement of 185<sup>th</sup> St. East January 31, 2019 Public Hearing on Lot Equivalents for 185<sup>th</sup> Street East meeting minutes. Item 8. Update Treasurer’s Report to be presented by Dave Johnson. Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Berens seconded. Agenda approved 2-0
- c) Approval of the January 10, 2019 meeting minutes. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes. Berens seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0.
- d) Approval of the January 17, 2019 Public Hearing on Improvement of 185<sup>th</sup> Street East meeting minutes. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes. Berens seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0.
- e) Approval of January 31, 2019 Public Hearing on Lot Equivalents for 185<sup>th</sup> Street East meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kowalski seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0.

**2) Public Commentary**

- a) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner- Updates
  - i) Cleary Lake- snowmobile accident – snowmobile went through the ice in an area where the lake is aerated. Snowmobilers rescued but snowmobile was still in the water.
  - ii) Road Construction– Hwy 13 and CR 21 work will be completed in two stages in 2019. Spring to mid-summer: Hwy 13 from Marshall to near 170<sup>th</sup> (CR 12). Mid-summer to fall: Hwy 13 and 21 work will be complete (Eagle Creek) the work will require detours as portions of the road will be closed completely during these times. Scott County website has many details on the projects. The goal is to have the entire project completed before winter.
  - iii) Lezlie Vermillion– introduced by Wolf as the new Scott County Administrator. Vermillion explained she has been with Scott County since 2002 in a variety of positions after leaving Dakota County.
    - (1) Road update: Intersection of 41/169 torn up with overpass going up and signal removed to increase safety. Intersection of 42/13 will be finished early 2019.

- (2) Scott County Facility update: Upgrades will begin in 2019 as more office space and court rooms are needed. Goal is to consolidate employees in one location to decrease costs and increase efficiencies. Upgrades include 15,000 sq. foot storage area at public works location for plow storage. The new space at government center includes a new 120,000 sq foot building with construction taking approximately three years at a cost of \$65 million. There are also plans to build a new building for equipment storage at Cleary Lake Park. Goal is to keep the levy flat as the County has worked to pay off debt.
- b) Curt Hennes, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District-
  - i) Interviews for June vacancy were completed on 2/12/2019.
  - ii) Carp Seining:
    - (1) 2/20/2019 PLSLWD members are meeting with Sen. Pratt to ask to remove restrictions on companies permitted to sein for carp and allow others to sein so the necessary work can be completed in a timely and competitive manner.
    - (2) Carp on Upper Prior are schooling against rocks making it difficult to sein as rocks can damage expensive seining nets. Goal is to move them away from rocks in order to remove them from the lake.
  - iii) John Stephenson – 5430 Raven Point Road- Expressed concern about development of Buffalo Ridge and the potential increase in deterioration of Flag Trail as a result of the increased traffic. Stephenson explained that the gravel road “turns to soup” in the spring and dust in summer. His concerns include the number of cars, increase in accidents and potential for serious injury on the road. He asked what it would take to get it paved as a large portion of the road is in Credit River. The Board explained it is a difficult situation because of the political boundaries. Kowalski suggested that we have our gravel maintenance team look at it and get some traffic counts to understand how much the road is being used. The Board said there is future consideration being given to removing the intersection of Flag and CR8 but a new access, via a safer route, would need to be constructed.
  - iv) Deb Carlson – 18770 Revere Avenue – Stated she is concerned about the plowing on Revere since it was turned back to the Township, particularly since the northern most portion of the road is still in the County. Berens explained that we are still working on the process for maintenance and has been working with the plow company to explore best practices. Kowalski further explained goals with turned back roads include using and maintaining them as Township roads not higher speed County roads but that this will take some time.

### 3) **Agenda Items**

- a) Consider Revisions to the Township Fee Schedule Ordinance. Domer presented revised fee ordinance 14-003 with updated costs municipal sewer and water connection fees. Kowalski made a motion to approve the revised ordinance 14-003 as presented. Berens seconded. Approved 2-0
- b) Consider Adoption of Resolution 19-002 Calling for Improvements to 185<sup>th</sup> Street East of Vergus Ave. and Order the Preparation of Plans and Specs. Renneke provided an overview of the process-where we are in it and that the next step is to call for the improvement and prepare plans and specs. Berens made a motion to approve resolution 19-002 ordering plans and specs Kowalski seconded. Approved 2-0. Renneke then provided three quotes for soil borings with the low quote of \$3,000 for soil borings from Northern Technologies (NTI). Kowalski made a motion to accept the quote from NTI. Berens seconded.

#### 4) Engineer's Report

Renneke presented the February Engineer's Report.

- a) **185<sup>th</sup> Street East** – Based on the petition by residents on 185<sup>th</sup> Street East to pave the existing gravel road, the Township authorized the preparation of a feasibility report for the project, followed by a Public Hearing on 1/17/19 and Lot Equivalent Hearing meeting on 1/31/19 for resident comments/feedback. Township to consider resolution ordering Plans and Specifications.
- b) **2019 Bituminous Street Maintenance** – The Burnsville JPA group meet on 1/24/19 to review upcoming street maintenance options and estimated costs to the group. This JPA group consists of Cities and Townships around the southern metro that group the bituminous maintenance work together to solicit competitive bids on crack fill, seal coat, fog seal, and striping roadway work. Historically, Spring Lake Township has participated in the crack fill and seal coat work. Last year a significant amount of seal coating was done on local streets, and Scott Co. has seal coated the reconstructed Fairlawn Ave. and will seal coat Mushtown Road this summer as a part of the turn back process. Based on current street conditions and past maintenance, we are proposing to participate in the JPA group for crack filling various streets in 2019 and continuing to monitor others for 2020. Also consider using flex-patch as an alternative in Doonbury neighborhood although it is more expensive, it provides a better ride. Renneke to check on the the timing for seal coating with the flex-patch product. This product is not covered by the JPA. Berens asked staff to look at agreement with the City on 180 St. E. patching/seal coating for March meeting. Berens stated that it is important to put more money into the maintenance to preserve the roads as long as possible.
- c) **Miscellaneous**
  - i) **Resident Field/Ditch drainage issues (Roach)** – Construction documents have been received from Scott County for review. Consider drainage repairs – jet tiles and get inlet cleared in a Township drainage easement.
  - ii) **PLSLWD** – Next rules TAC meeting planned in next month or so.
  - iii) **Development**
    - (1) **Developments** –
      - (a) **Cleary Acres** – Review latest plans. DRT Meeting planned for February 27<sup>th</sup>. Renneke noted plans for the storm water placement on this development is preferred as it is easily accessible for inspection. Some of the questions for the development included the impact from the turn back of Revere to the township, the need for a turn lane and if a driveway could access directly on to Revere. Kowalski and Berens didn't have concerns about the current plans and did not feel that a turn lane would be required. Deb Carlson 18770 Revere asked about additional development in the area and how that could be taken into consideration now. Neither the Board nor Staff are aware of any additional plans at this time. As mentioned with the concerns about snow plowing, the goal with the turned back roads (81/Fairlawn and 87/Mushtown/Revere) is to modify the use of the road and make it feel like a local road. At this time the Board stated, there is no need to put in a turn lane and, furthermore, the addition of a turn lane would ultimately allow traffic to speed up which is not consistent with the purpose of a local or township road. Tony Shimek asked if the town would have any requirements to tie into the trail system. The Board did not see a need for

this; Berens further explained that any trail connections are for neighborhood connections not for general use.

- (b) **Sunrise Ridge** – Developer has submitted final plans/platting at November meeting.
- (c) **Harvest Bluffs** – Consideration of Phase 2 platting and developers agreement pending.
- (d) **Buffalo Ridge** – Waiting on developer agreement review/signature and fees.

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

- a) Garbage- Fairlawn between 190<sup>th</sup> and 195<sup>th</sup> will be picked up
- b) Street Signs- Various street signs down, will be placed in shed and addressed in Spring.
- c) Plowing Complaints- a few complaints on Mushtown and Fairlawn plowing. Berens has talked with the contractor about being more aggressive with snow and ice control on these roads.

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

- a) Shredding Event for Spring Lake Residents– April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 pm run by Iron Mountain. \$400 for 2 hours paid for with grant from Scott County. Contract signed.
- b) HVAC and AC Maintenance Contract- Quotes were received from Quality Heating and Kulla Heat and Air. Board will change the filters with the current supply. Quality Heating awarded the bid with a two-year contract.
- c) Cracks in main hall ceiling – likely from installation of ceiling panels; staff will continue to monitor.

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

- a) Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed Vacancy. Hanson reported that 3 candidates applied and two interviews were held February 12<sup>th</sup> for one open position. Curt Hennes was the consensus candidates. Berens made a motion to forward decision on to the County and Kowalski seconded. Approved 2-0
- b) PLSLWD/Fish Lake Park Habitat Restoration Grant. PLSLWD and Spring Lake applied for and received a grant from the DNR to restore a portion of Fish Lake shoreline and plant native prairie grass at Fish Lake Park. Work will begin this spring.

#### 8) **Treasurer's Report**

- a) Johnson presented the January, 2019 Treasurer's Report. In January total receipts were \$46,579.13, total disbursements were \$212,601, and the ending cash balance was \$1,793,883.64 Kowalski made a motion to approve the January, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

#### 9) **New Business/Old Business**

- a) Verification of Vice Chair Appointment – Staff verified Berens was appointed as Vice Chair during the Organizational Meeting.
- b) Annual Meeting- March 12, 2019.

- 10) **Approval of Disbursements** - The Board reviewed the February, 2019 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 12578 to 12616, to be issued with checks 12635-12664 voided. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

11) The following items were included in the Board's information packets for informational purposes:

- List of upcoming meetings

There being no further business before the Board, Berens made a motion to adjourn. Kowalski seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk  
Spring Lake Township

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

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Thaddeus Kowalski, Chairman

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Melissa Hanson, Clerk