

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
May 9th, 2019**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor
Melissa Hanson – Clerk

Glenn Kelley – Supervisor
Dave Johnson - Treasurer

Ted Kowalski - Supervisor
Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Kyle Renneke - 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. Staff requested the following changes 3.b) Add house number 20420 3.d) Add Scott County CUP amendment to construct storage shed at Highway Dept. Kelley made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- c) Approval of the April 25, 2019 meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelley seconded. The minutes were approved 3-0.

2) Public Commentary

- a) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner update:
 - i) Bonding went through for adding cold storage building to Public Works facility and updates to Government Center.
 - ii) Hwy 13 is and will be under construction most of the summer and suggested looking for alternative routes early.
 - iii) New light rail train on 35W will be a three-year project.
 - iv) Dakota County has proposed a new recycling center collaboration idea to meet the needs of residents in Lakeville and Burnsville areas. Having more easily accessible facilities for Scott county resident living that direction may help prevent trash from going in Dakota and Scott county ditches.
- b) Curt Hennes, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District update:
 - i) Highway 13 from 17 to Vergus will be closed starting May 13th. Later phases of the project will go from Vergus to 12 and 12 to Duluth with the goal for timing to coincide with completion of the round-about and intersection changes on Duluth.
 - ii) Introduced guest Bruce Loney member of PLSLWD since March. Former public works administrator in Shakopee. Loney thanked the Board and expressed his pleasure in being part of the PLSLWD.

3) Agenda Items

- a) Public Hearing to Vacate Highway Easement Block 008 Lot TCT Subdivision 11143 RLS 221 (PID 111430020) located north of County Road 8 east of Mushtown Road. Staff presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Personal Service. The Board viewed the section of road to be vacated. Kelley made a motion to open the public hearing. Berens seconded. The public hearing was called to order by Chairman

Kowalski at 6:12 p.m. Kowalski called for public comments. Hearing no public objection to the proposed vacation, Kowalski closed the public hearing at 6:13.

Berens made a motion to vacate the road based on the figure in the attached document contingent upon receipt of legal description matching the figure in the document as reviewed by the clerk, attorney and engineer. Kelley seconded. Motion approved 2-0. Kowalski abstained.

- b) Consider Variance for a Garage and Home Addition at 20420 Langford Way PID (110300111). Tom Vogel requested a variance from the 75-foot setback to build a new home at 20420 Langford Way. New home would be at the same setback as existing home which was built in the 1800s. Renneke stated his only concern was storage of snow but that it wouldn't be much different than current situation – just a larger area. Renneke also noted that the character of the area would not be impacted as many of the homes in the area have similar set-backs. Vogel provided copies of emails in support of the project. Ernie Moen, 20220 Langford Way, an adjoining neighbor, said it would be a nice improvement for the area and he supported the project. Jim and Marcy, other neighbors, submitted letters in support. Kowalski made a motion to approve the requested variance. Berens seconded. All in favor.
- c) Discuss Orderly Annexation Agreement and future of Annexation in Spring Lake Township. Staff provided a brief history about the annexation agreement with the original being completed in the 1970s and updated in 2003 and in effect until 2025. Staff explained that during the majority of the agreement development was slow for both Spring Lake Township and for Prior Lake therefore areas originally planned for annexation were not acquired and areas in Spring Lake not developed as fully as anticipated. Kowalski explained that development for both Spring Lake Township and Prior Lake was dealt another hurdle with a recent case in which the Mn Supreme Court stated municipalities could not charge fees for the impact that the development has on roads. Many articles in the Prior Lake American have addressed this issue. Residents had questions about how and why cities can annex- Berens stated there is statutory authority that permit cities to annex township areas when certain requirements are met even if the Township is not in support of it. Kowalski further explained that often the goal of annexation is to build out to an area to bring sewer and water but this is not the case in parts of the area slated for annexation but that overall an Orderly Annexation Agreement is intended to provide more certainty as to when areas will be annexed for purposes of planning. Residents expressed concern about the poor condition of Sunset Trail and asked what to do if they don't want to be annexed. Another resident asked how they could increase the timeline so that they had more specificity so that they can better plan for the next 10-15 years. One resident clarified that Prior Lake did not want South Shore Drive to be annexed when there was work to be done and therefore the Township took the project on and the residents had to pay for all of the improvements and that the Minnesota Municipal Board might have record of this.
- d) Consider Scott County CUP amendment to construct storage shed located at the Highway Department Facility at 600 Country Trail East, Jordan. Berens asked where access would be taken from and would like it to continue from 282. Kowalski made a motion to support the amendment to the CUP to construct a cold storage shed at the Highway Department. Berens seconded. All in favor.

4) Engineer's Report

Renneke presented the May Engineer's Report.

- a) **185th Street East** – Bids have been received. The Township Board has called for an Assessment Hearing meeting on June 13th at 6pm, prior to the regular board meeting.
- b) **2019 Bituminous Street Maintenance** – The crack filling contractor is tentatively scheduled for working on 5/8/19, weather dependent. Seal coat to follow.
- c) **Graveling:** List of roads to be graveled provided to Staff.
- d) **Patching** –Concerns with condition of Mushtown exist and Renneke would like to review patching whether it should be patched now or wait for a larger project in a few years.
- e) **Miscellaneous**
 - i) **Spring Road Restrictions** – Started March 15th and ended May 7th.
 - ii) **Butterfly Lane Drainage** – A meeting was held with Scott County water resources and planning staff, Township supervisor and engineer, and residents. The Township will follow up with survey of ditch and culvert drainage, comparison to construction plans, and review drainage area and capacity of the local drainage area.
 - iii) **Resident Field/Ditch drainage issues** – Construction documents have been received from Scott County for review. Consider drainage repairs in Spring, starting with cleaning/jetting under road and adding cleanout on west side of Fairlawn Ave.
 - iv) **Review Roads for Spring Road Restrictions-** first draft of list to be sent this week. Kowalski asked to look at if restrictions should be placed on Mushtown in the future given the condition concerns.
 - v) **PLSLWD** – Next rules TAC meeting TBD.
 - vi) **TH 13/Vergus Avenue Turn Lanes** – Planned for construction summer 2019
 - vii) **Signage Retro-reflectivity Review** – Signage inventory complete. Quotes for sign replacements are being solicited.
- f) **Development**
 - i) **Orderly Annexation Agreement** –The Township and City will continue this effort to revise/review the agreement and draft updates to the agreement and map as this effort continues. Review latest revision.
 - ii) **Developments** –
 - (1) **Cleary Acres** – A DRT meeting was held 3/13/19 to review the proposed development. Review need for dedicated trail Right-of-way along Revere Avenue, to potentially acquire at the time of plat. No planned trails at this time. Kowalski noted that the septic testing is more difficult than earlier anticipated.
 - (2) **Sunrise Ridge** – Developer submitted final plans/platting at November meeting.
 - (3) **Harvest Bluffs** –Phase 2 platting and development agreement are complete. Post Office is requiring a cluster mailbox but safety and maintenance are concerns.
 - (4) **Buffalo Ridge** – Development agreement signed and fees paid. Review need for SWPPP and drainage piping plan w/Scott Co.

5) Road Report

- a) Weight Restrictions removed on May 7th.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Kowalski and Renneke exploring drainage issues and remedies.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) No items to report.

8) Treasurer's Report

- a) Johnson presented the April, 2019 Treasurer's Report. In February total receipts were \$21,449.27, total disbursements were \$46,199.6, and the ending cash balance was \$2,087,869.45. Kelley made a motion to approve the April, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

9) New Business/Old Business

- a) Public hearing letters to resident for 185th will be sent on Monday, May 13th.

10) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the May, 2019 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 12713 to 12733, to be issued. 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, Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Berens seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Thaddeus Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk