

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
August 8, 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

Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - Stantec

Absent: Ted Kowalski

- 1) a) The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Berens at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
b) Changes to the agenda. Kelley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Berens seconded. All in favor. Kowalski absent.
c) Approval of the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelley seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0. Kowalski absent.
- 2) **Public Commentary**
 - a) Christian Morkeberg 17556 Vergus Avenue- resident on Spring Lake. Morkeberg expressed his concerns about the concept plans for Spring Lake Ridge and the need to respect residents, natural resources and the character of the lake. He requested that Spring Lake Township be part of the marina task force that has been initiated by Prior Lake to evaluate marina spacing and how lakeshore is measured. He also suggested the township consult with the DNR and the department of health about the concerns summarized at Prior Lake City Council including road access (safety and quantity of vehicles), number and location of slips (boat traffic/safety, water depth in area, sediment and water quality issues), wildlife (swans, sandhill cranes, pelicans, loons, fish) and ecological impacts. He explained that a petition with over 2000 signatures against the project proposal has been circulated. Morkeberg noted that the developer has had drainage concerns at at least one other development and such issues are more concerning when the lake will be directly impacted. Careful assessment should be done before any permits are issued. Kelley stated Board is well aware of concerns and will continue to be involved.
 - b) Curt Hennes, Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District Update
 - i) Spring Lake Restoration: Prairie and Shoreline work planned for late September
 - ii) PLSLWD will have booth at Lake Front Days
 - iii) Fish Kill- on Cedar Lake and Lake Harriet similar to the fish kill in 2018 on Spring Lake a result of vegetation dying reducing oxygen levels impacting young crappie's ability to breathe.
- 3) **Agenda Items**
 - a) Recess for the continuation of the Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of approving the General Fund Levy and Road & Bridge Fund Levy. Kelley made a motion to recess

the monthly meeting in order to reconvene the Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of approving the levy for the General Fund and the Road & Bridge Fund. Berens seconded. All in favor. The August monthly meeting was recessed at 7:08 p.m. Treasurer Dave Johnson reviewed and presented the General Fund Levy and Road and Bridge Levy. Resident's expressed concern about annexation in 2024 and the impact it will have on the tax base, particularly with the large road projects and new roads the township acquired. Residents asked if South Shore and Vergus annexation could be renegotiated with the City. Will made a motion to approve the General Fund Levy at \$350,000 and Ostby seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote. Berens made a motion to approve the road levy at \$600,000. Ketelesen seconded. Motion passes on a voice vote. Moderator Reeder made a motion to end the Annual Meeting. Berens seconded. The annual meeting ended and the monthly meeting reconvened.

- b) Approval of the 2020 General Fund budget and Road & Bridge Fund budget and consideration of a resolution directing staff to certify the 2020 levy for the General Fund and the Road & Bridge Fund. Berens made a motion to approve the General Fund budget in the amount of \$400,500 and the Road & Bridge Fund budget in the amount of \$915,000. Kelley seconded. The motion passed 2-0, Kowalski absent. Berens made a motion to adopt Resolution #19-011 certifying the 2020 General Fund levy of \$350,000 and Road & Bridge Fund levy of \$600,000. Kelley seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Kowalski absent.
- c) Consider request from SWMO for possible outlet on McMahan Lake. Paul Nelson of Scott Water Management Organization (SWMO) explained that no request was currently being made of the Board but he wanted to provide an update on McMahan/Carl's Lake. McMahan Lake currently does not have an outlet; the only way that water is removed is by evaporation and with the increased rain events in the last several years, the lake has been rising. Upon reviewing the issue, an Engineer has suggested that a permanent fix to address the lake levels would be to add an outlet leading to St. Catherine's Lake, which has out flows. Importantly water from McMahan would only be let out when Sand Creek is low. The estimated cost is \$250,000 for this permanent fix. Nelson suggested that some funding for the project may be available from flood damage cost share program from DNR, provided that the legislature funds it. Until funding could be secured, Nelson suggested a temporary solution for this area is a temporary pump/draw down which may be needed next Spring. The Scott County Board approved a temporary drawdown but significant work must happen with permissions and permits and entry access from property owners. This temporary solution project would not happen until mid to late September and the goal would be to pump for 1 to 1.5 months. Nelson noted the no wake is still in effect on McMahan.

4) **Engineer's Report**

Stordahl presented the August Engineer's Report.

- a) 185th Street East – The Township Board has awarded the project contract to BKJ Land Co. The Contractor is tentatively planning to start in August but work on Hwy 13 may cause a delay and if so, staff will notify residents.
- b) 2019 Bituminous Street Maintenance – The crack filling and sealcoat work is complete. Saw cutting and removal of bituminous for road patching started on 8/7/2019 notably some areas were much deeper than anticipated and all should be filled in by 8/10/2019.
- c) Miscellaneous

- a) Striping: Fairlawn Avenue – Sir Lines-A-Lot has quoted 75,140 LF of striping for Fairlawn based on prices from the JPA. They quoted \$0.09/LF for paint and also gave us an option for epoxy at \$0.27/LF. The quote includes one mobilization to complete both roads, with a charge of \$750 for any additional mobilizations. Stordahl noted that more municipalities are going with the paint than epoxy for cost and because the paint refreshes the look of the road. Berens made a motion to approve the quote for \$ 6,762 for Sir Lines-A-Lot (non-epoxy), Kelley seconded. Approved 2-0, Kowalski absent.
- b) TH 13/Vergus Avenue Turn Lanes – TH 13 work is currently on Phase 1A and 1B of this project. Due to increased detour cut-through traffic on township roads (190th St., Vergus Ave., and 195th St. in particular) pothole and dust have been an issue. To mitigate these safety concerns, dust control was installed early June. Roads will continue to be monitored for increased traffic. They’ve started the large culvert replacement process, including a temporary bypass channel. They’re hoping to have this portion of the work completed by Labor Day. Because of the delays in getting this culvert replaced, the Stage 3 work that was scheduled to start soon will now be delayed until the culvert replacement work has been completed. The 185th street project may be delayed until after the culvert is in.
- c) Butterfly Lane Drainage – A meeting was held with residents of the neighborhood and Township supervisor/staff. Based on this meeting quotes have been requested for re-grading and potentially adding drain tile to this area.
- d) Resident Field/Ditch drainage issues – Construction documents have been received from Scott County for review. Consider drainage repairs in spring 2020, starting with cleaning/jetting under road and adding cleanout on west side of Fairlawn Ave.
- e) Town Hall sidewalk drainage and restoration – Based on discussions and review of the sidewalk conditions, quotes have been solicited to replace the sidewalk from the side door to the parking lot, with addition of a ped ramp, to promote positive drainage away from the building/door. A quote has been received from Voehl Construction in the amount of \$9,000 and Dorn Construction in the amount of \$7,991. Kelley made a motion to accept bid from Dorn construction for \$7,991. Berens seconded.
- f) Culvert Replacement – Vergus Avenue to be reviewed and quotes to be obtained for next meeting.
- g) Spring Road Restrictions – Review draft road restrictions map with road supervisor.
- h) PLSLWD – Next rules TAC meeting scheduled for August 12th at 11:30.
- d) Development
 - a) Developments –
 - i) Harvest Bluffs –Wearing course paving and site punchlist walkthrough to be completed prior to end of summer. Final walk through will be done soon and the wear course needs to be added.

5) Road Report

- a) No Road Issues
- b) Tire picked up on Langford Avenue.
- c) Ditch mowing completed for the 2nd time will likely need a third.
- d) Tree trimming complete.
- e) Construction traffic on local roads has not been problematic since conversation with MNDOT.

6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Draft Emergency Temporary Shelter Agreement. Board was given a copy of the draft agreement between SLT and the County for review for September meeting.
- b) Weed Spraying Invoice. Staff received invoice for weed spraying that totaled \$5,431.37, twice as much as 2018 invoice of \$2010. Reason is new vendor that charges per mile plus chemical cost. Board would like additional bidders for next year but stated that this year's road spraying has been more effective than in the past.

7) Water Resources Report

- a) Review Township Mooring Ordinance- Board provided copy of Spring Lake Ordinance as well as Prior Lake's 2015 ordinance when both were at 12.5 feet for Controlled Access spacing. Late in 2015, Prior Lake changed their spacing to 18.75 and have been in the process of reviewing again. Board requested an option to define level of water. Staff requested to check with the City to see if we could participate in the task force.
- b) Kelley will attend watershed meeting.

8) Treasurer's Report

- a) Johnson presented the July, 2019 Treasurer's Report.
 - i) Vergus Automatic payments were not being processed by Old National Bank. A four month catch up in August for \$660.00 is needed.
 - ii) In July total receipts were \$30,258.49, total disbursements were \$245,089.43, and the ending cash balance was \$2,280,228.72. Kelley made a motion to approve the July, 2019 Treasurer's Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

9) New Business/Old Business

- a) Spring Lake Township named a party in Quiet Title Action- Staff explained that Town Attorney is working with resident's attorney and surveyor over interest in Newport Avenue.
- b) Staff requested to provide an update for residents of 185th if the project is to be delayed because of construction on Hwy 13.

10) Approval of Disbursements The Board reviewed the August, 2019 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered 12815 to 12835 to be issued, 12836 to 12841 to be approved and issued when checks arrive. The issued 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 8:15 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved _____

Doug Berens, Vice Chairman

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