

SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING
March 12, 2019

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

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting was called to order by Clerk, Melissa Hanson, at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Three times the Clerk called for nominations for meeting Moderator. Kowalski nominated Maureen Reeder as Moderator. Kelley seconded. Nominations were closed. On a voice vote, Reeder was elected Moderator of the 2019 Spring Lake Township Annual Town Meeting.

The moderator presented a draft agenda for discussion and approval. The moderator called for any revisions to the agenda. Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Berens seconded.

Noting that the minutes were made available for review before the meeting, the Moderator called for a motion approving the minutes of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Berens made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. Kowalski seconded. On a voice vote the minutes were approved.

Noting that the draft audited financial statements were made available for review before the meeting, the Moderator called for a motion waiving the reading of the financial statements. Kelley made a motion to waive the reading of the financial statements. Kowalski seconded. All in favor.

Sheriff's report. Deputy Corey Krautkremer presented an overview of Sheriff's calls for the period 01/01/2018 through 12/31/2018 and provided an infographic with 2018 data. He noted that Spring Lake Township had 104 calls for assistance of various kinds, 77 calls for car accidents and 68 calls for alarms- (most of them false alarms) 0 drug calls and 40 animal calls.

Looking ahead at 2019: Major concern for flooding around lakes, streams, ponds and the Minnesota River. On the March 15th, weight restrictions go on the roads and must be marked for enforcement. The annual catfish derby is changing to a sunfish derby to promote greater participation and safety with the use of pontoons.

Fire Services Report. Prior Lake Fire Chief Rick Steinhaus reported that the fire department responded to 60 calls in Spring Lake Township during 2018, as compared to 54 calls in 2017. Of the 60 calls in 2018, 9 were fire calls (structures, grass fires, etc.), 2 were fire/smoke alarm calls, 9 were medical calls, 19 calls were for motor vehicle accidents, 8 were HAZMAT calls, 4 were miscellaneous and there were 9 false alarms. Losses in 2018 were minimal.

Looking ahead at 2019: So far in 2019 calls are up with 70 calls in February (entire service area) which is a significant change and rather unexplainable increase. New engine that was talked about in 2018 was delayed as a result of federal government shutdown and production is at least four months behind. A new tanker has been purchased for the department for fire suppression. The tanker was approved by the City of Prior Lake in December and production of the tanker is *ahead* of schedule. There is a significant leak in the current tank of the current tanker which is not repairable but service will not be interrupted.

Clerks Report. Hanson presented the 2019 Clerk's report as follows:

2018 Statistics

- BUILDING PERMITS

- 12 home permits (10 new; 2 final) in 2018
 - 9 home permits issued in 2017 (4 new / 5 final)
 - 10 in 2016 (2 new 8 final)
- DEVELOPMENT
 - Approved 3 new plats or lot splits, creating 7 new lots including Sunrise Ridge with 4 new lots.
- ANNEXATIONS
 - By Petition
 - 2 - ten acre parcels at 5516 and 5517 180th Street creating Meadows at Cleary Lake.
 - 1- .7 acre parcel at 3110 Maple Drive with a failing septic system.
- ELECTIONS
 - New e-poll pads were introduced county wide for the 2018 elections. Although there was a bit of a learning curve, this new technology streamlined the registration and validation process. The large turn out at the general election went smoothly and rarely were there lines.
 - Primary held 8/14/2018
 - General Election held 11/06/2018:
 - 1972 ballots were cast (374 Absentee/1598 In Person)
 - 106 New Registrants
 - Ted Kowalski elected to four-year term
- MAJOR ACITIVITIES IN 2018
 - County Road 81 (Fairlawn) and 87 (Mushtown/Revere) turned back to Township in December and October 2018 respectively.
 - Franchise Agreement with Jaguar reached extending high speed internet to residents of Lake Ridge Drive, Bens Bay and much of Xeon.
 - Removed requirement for parcels less that 12 acres to have 200 feet of frontage
 - Town Hall Reservations (excluding board meetings)
 - Town Hall- 102 events/meetings; 73% paid reservations
 - Pavilion- 6 events
- LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019
 - Continued interest in development in the township at both 2.5 and 10 acres.
 - Working with County and others on resolving high speed internet access for residents.
 - Reinvigoration of legislative action regarding street/turn lane fees after Harstad decision.
 - Working with Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District on Habitat/Shoreline Restoration at Fish Lake Park.
 - Continued discussion with City of Prior Lake regarding Orderly Annexation Agreement.

Treasurer's Report. Copies of the 2018 audited financial statements were made available at the meeting place at least one half hour prior to the meeting. Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report, providing an overview of activity in the General Fund, Park Fund, and Road & Bridge Fund.

In 2018 the Township had total receipts of \$1,440,719 and total disbursements of \$1,235,190. The General Fund has total receipts of \$454,730 and total disbursements of \$418,510. The General Fund expenditures were \$20,100 under budget. The ending balance of the General Fund was \$1,008,269 which does not include the loan to the Park Fund of \$619,599.

The Road & Bridge Fund had receipts of \$743,144 and total disbursements of \$412,489. The ending balance for the Road & Bridge Fund was \$1,358,194. Liabilities decreased.

Total Cash balance of 1,966,833.

Road Report. Berens presented the road report as follows:

- **2018 Road Maintenance**
 - Maintain 53 miles/17 gravel 36 paved.
 - Added 7.6 miles of paved road which were “turned back” 81/87. Berens explained that the township doesn’t have much say in this as statute allows a County to turn down roads to the township. Berens stated that he felt the County treated the township fairly with providing money for maintenance. Also noted:
 - 81 was fully reconstructed before being turned back.
 - County provided two years of maintenance \$148,000; Revere/Mushtown about half way thru life and County provided \$405,000 for future road needs.
 - Winter season – 2017/2018 – Total Snow plowing costs were \$60,000; 2018/2019 – approximately \$82,000 to date.
- **Looking Ahead to 2019**
 - Road tour to be in scheduled in spring to determine what roads need repair and type of repairs are needed
 - Shoulder mowing – last year done 3 times due to long and damp season.
 - Board considering paving 185th street as petitioned by the resident’s and paid for by the residents.
 - Hwy 13 from 282 into Prior Lake will be fully reclaimed with turn lanes at 13/Fairlawn and 13/Vergus in 2019.

Parks and Town Hall Report. Kowalski presented the Parks and Town Hall report as follows:

- Regraded ball fields.
- Sunday – rentals started.
- Question asked about what is happening with camp ground near Fish Lake Park. Staff explained that nobody has inquired about use of or purchasing the area.

Water Resources Report. Kelley presented the water resources report as follows:

- Spring Lake Launch improvements funded by DNR completed spring 2018
 - Enhanced storm water management
 - New Aquatic Invasive Species boat inspection and cleaning area
 - New (night sky friendly) lighting
 - New boat ramp and bituminous for the parking lots
 - Restored shoreline
- Spring Lake Fish Kill
 - In September, thousands of crappies died as a result of low oxygen levels in the lake and the presence of flavobacteria in the fish.
 - Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District worked with Buckingham Companies to get a donated dumpster to dispose of fish.
 - Residents and volunteers with the Spring Lake Association helped clean up the shoreline.
- Spring Lake Alum Treatment
 - The [Spring Lake Alum Treatment](#) was completed on May 26, 2018.
 - This was the 2nd of 3 treatments planned for Spring Lake.
 - The first treatment was done in 2013 and lasted for 5 years rather than the anticipated 2-3 years.

- The third treatment will be done in three years or so, depending on the how the water quality in Spring Lake responds.
 - Carp control efforts help extend the positive impact of the alum treatment.
- PLSLWD - Planning began for the [2020 Water Resources Management Plan](#) which outlines the District's work for the next 10 years (2020-2029) and provides a road map for the District's projects and programs over the next decade. The plan will be finalized in 2019.
 - The 5 areas outlined:
 - Water quality
 - Flood reduction
 - Recreation & wildlife habitat
 - Land uses of concern
 - Groundwater
- PLSLWD – Managers
 - Interviews were conducted in 2018 for two manager positions. Fred Corrigan and Bruce Loney were appointed for three-year term ending in March 2022.
- LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019
 - Interviews were held February 12, 2019 for 1 manager position to be filled in June 2019. Incumbent Hennes is to be appointed for three-year term ending in June 2022.
 - Significant concerns for flooding exist for the lakes and streams in Scott County and beyond due to a wet fall and unusually heavy snowfall. Lake flooding could be at levels seen in 2014.

Designate time and location for 2019 Annual Town Meeting. Kelley made a motion to set the time and location of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting for 7:00 p.m., **March 10, 2020** at the Spring Lake Town Hall, 20381 Fairlawn Avenue, Prior Lake, MN. Berens seconded. All in favor.

General Discussion of Items of Concern.

In response to a question about the YMCA being interested in land near camp ground, Tom Wolf stated that the County Planning and Zoning approved the YMCA in New Market and it will come before the County Board in April ; concerns of tax and traffic were addressed at the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Wolf also explained that this summer will be busy on Highway 13 with repaving, adding a stoplight at 170th and a new roundabout at 13 and 21.

After reviewing the financial report, Reeder asked that the board address annexation as she expressed concern with the impact to the township budget if such a large tax area (South Shore Drive and Vergus) are annexed. She stated there are no benefits that the residents will gain by the annexation as no additional services can be provided. Kowalski added that he was uncertain as to why the City wants to add property where the sewer pipe dead ends and will never go further. It makes sense to go to areas that will allow the pipes to be extended to additional area. Reeder further stated that the lost revenue will have to be absorbed by the rest of the township. Kowalski mentioned that the west side of the township does not have infrastructure or a large tax base for the township and it makes sense to annex that area as the development potential is significant for the City. Berens mentioned with the annexation we will also lose out name sake. Kowalski asked Wolf if the County can provide support for keeping South Shore and Vergus. Reeder noted that the County helped support the need for sewer and water for the environmental reasons.

Reeder asked about no-wake on Spring and if that was permanent. Confirmed that there is a permanent slow/ no wake within 150ft of shoreline.

Motion to continue meeting. Floyd Gast made a motion to recess the Annual meeting to **August 8, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of setting the General Fund levy and the Road & Bridge Fund levy. Berens seconded. All in favor. The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m.

Moderator Reeder reconvened the annual town meeting at 7:08 p.m. on August 8, 2019.

Setting the General Fund Levy. Johnson reviewed the proposed 2020 General Fund budget. Proposed 2020 general fund budget is \$400,500 with a proposed levy of \$350,000. Jeff Will made a motion to approve the 2020 general fund levy of \$350,000. Gail Ostby seconded. All in favor. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Setting the Road and Bridge Fund Levy. Johnson presented the proposed 2020 budget for the road and bridge fund totaling \$915,000. The proposed levy is \$600,000. Kelley made a motion to set the 2020 levy at \$600,000. Conrad Ketelsen seconded. All in favor. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Moderator Reeder asked Staff to look into what projections will look like when South Shore Drive and Vergus Ave. are annexed into Prior Lake.

Reeder motioned to adjourn. Berens seconded. All in favor. The 2019 Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Maureen Reeder, Moderator

Melissa Hanson, Clerk