

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
 SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP  
 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

**This meeting was held remotely via zoom due to the Covid-19 pandemic  
 May 14, 2020**

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

Present:

Doug Berens - Supervisor                      Glenn Kelley – Supervisor                      Ted Kowalski - Supervisor  
 Melissa Hanson – Clerk                      Dave Johnson - Treasurer                      Sara Domer – Deputy Clerk

Also Present:

Matt Stordahl - 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. Kowalski made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kelley seconded.

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Motion Passes

- c) Approval of the April 9, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the April 9, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Kelley seconded.

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Motion Passes

- d) Approval of April 17, 2020 special meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approve the minutes. Kelley seconded.

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Motion Passes

- e) Approval of April 23, 2020 emergency meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to approved Emergency Meeting the minutes. Kowalski seconded.

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## 2) Public Commentary

- a) Lisa Quinn, 1796 Spring Lake Circle- Asked several questions regarding when the Vergus sewer/water projected happened, what drove the project, where it stops and why it stopped where it did. The Board explained the project happened in 2003/2004 as a result of failing septic systems on Vergus and the need to protect the water quality of Spring Lake; the project at the intersection of Spring Lake Circle and Vergus as the homes beyond that did not have failing systems and are of sufficient size (2.5 acres) to have second septic sites. Quinn asked if Spring Lake Circle was the last area on Spring Lake that does not have city sewer and water. The Board agreed that it was likely the last area and that it is cost prohibitive to extend sewer and water to area where it is not needed when septic systems are working. Quinn noted that she has poor water quality in their well and has been talking to the County about options to manage her concerns. She also stated that she wanted to be on record with her belief that there is benefit to annexation as she would get improved water quality and a sewer system with annexation when her home would be connected to city sewer and water. Berens noted that assessment discussions on Maple Drive were had in 2018 and that the cost for hook ups then were \$70,000-\$100,000 which were fully borne by the homeowner. Quinn recognized that her hook up would be expensive because of the distance from the road but stated that she believes the amount the city assesses cannot outweigh the benefit to her property. She is concerned with timing and her investment if she replaces her septic and puts in a system to help improve her water quality and then gets sewer and water with annexation.
- b) Tom Wolf, Scott County Commissioner Updates
- i) Road projects are going well.
  - ii) Building project at Scott County is on schedule.
  - iii) COVID 19 Virus Impact – Revenues will be down significantly with Valley Fair and others not opening. He stated the County will likely be \$1 million dollars short but will figure it out. Kowalski asked about shifting some of the burden to bigger stores that have been opened during the pandemic and if we can put some pressure on government to open up more quickly. Wolf noted that Scott County has sent a resolution to ask that things be opened more quickly and with other states opening around us that it will move quickly.
- c) Kevin Johnson 20951 Xeon Ave—speaking for other neighbors voiced concern and frustration over a new neighbor (Kressman) who has dug up his property without a permit, has others on his property riding dirt bikes for many hours and are disturbing the peace. He explained that he has hired an attorney to have Spring Lake Township and/or Scott County enforce the noise ordinance that Scott County has since he has been told that the Sheriff’s Department won’t enforce it. Kowalski stated that he has talked with County Staff about the situation and that they are exploring if any violation of the zoning ordinance have occurred. Pete Link 21140 Xeon Ave noted Kressman,

who is a contractor, brought in 3 bulldozers into the area for 24 hours and ripped up the wetlands with no regard for the area. He stated that he has hired a lawyer and is prepared to take action if the County issues a permit for the ShedHouse as he feels it is just a front for Kressman motocross and not for his residence. He asked that Commissioner Wolf look into the situation. Wolf asked Johnson and Link to contact him directly and provided his phone number. Tim Ciavarri, 20865 Xeon, added that he is upset and has contacted a lawyer specializing in land rights as without enforcement of the noise ordinance it is nearly impossible to work from home particularly when making phone calls that are dealing with difficult/sensitive issues.

**3) Agenda Items**

- a) Consider Financing Options for Mushtown Reclaim and Paving Project- Bruce Kimmel stated that he and representative Chris Mickelson are with Ehlers and Associates an independent financial advisory firm that helps cities and townships determine financing options to help with large projects. He further noted they were retained for help with financing for Vergus and Xeon project. Kimmel presented two payment options for the reclamation project on Mushtown Road General Obligation Bonds Reconstruction Plan and General Obligation Certificates of Indebtedness (as attached). After reviewing the options, Kelley asked if one approach would delay the start of the project. Kimmel noted that neither options would significantly impact the timing if there was a delay that debt proceeds can be reimbursed from certificate issuance and bond issuance. Johnson noted that he is working on his debt projection or the Board. Kimmel explained that with annexation – the debt would follow the residents after annexation. Kowalski noted that with the low interest rates available, it might be best to extend the debt as long as possible. Kimmel noted that the Bonds could be paid off early and not incur the remaining interest costs. The Board took the information under advisement and will wait for Johnson’s debt projections before making a decision. The Board thanked Kimmel for the work and presentation.
- b) Consider Repealing Purchase Policy F-14-001 and Replacing it with Purchase Policy F-20-001 to Address Road Emergency Authorization. Staff explained that changes were made to provide consistency with the state statute for spending and that an additional section was added to provide spending up to \$15,000 when, in the Road Supervisors judgement, a road conditions pose a serious threat to health and safety. Kowalski made a motion to repeal purchase policy 14-001 and replace it with purchase policy 20-001 Berens Seconded.

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- c) Storm Water Prevention Plan Review- Staff presented an overview of the National Pollution Detection and Elimination System Permit and the town’s Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Following the overview, public comment was requested from those in attendance. Two people were in attendance but provided no comments.

**4) Engineer’s Report**

Stordahl presented the May Engineer’s Report full report included in packet; issues covered:

- a) 185<sup>th</sup> Street East – BKJ has a couple of projects that will produce extra fill that will be used to help soften the slopes after which the area will be seeded with anticipated final payment in July.
- b) Mushtown Road – Plans and Specs to be available at June Board meeting.
- c) Spring Road Tour – The modified Spring Road Tour and pavement assessments have been completed. The maps and areas proposed are included in packet. Stordahl is looking into the calculations for determining how much crack sealing is needed as he feels there is an opportunity to increase the accuracy. Berens asked if the parking lot at Spring Lake Township could be cracked filled and asked Stordahl to look at what was used last time to seal coat it as it did not wear well.

Estimates from the JPA crack filling: \$28,621; seal coating \$50,156. Kowalski made a motion to approve \$80,000 for crack filling and seal coating. Kelley Seconded.

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d) Miscellaneous

- TH 13/Vergus Avenue Turn Lanes –Final paving and striping will occur before the end of May. Dust coating reimbursement - This is taking longer than normal due to the COVID shutdowns but reimbursement expected soon. Berens asked about picking up the signs in the ditch and they are in the way of mowing – Stordahl has asked several times but will ask MnDOT again.
- Butterfly Lane Drainage – project expected to be completed tomorrow or next week.
- Parkview Culvert Replacement –The reimbursement has been received.
- 165<sup>th</sup> St Pond – A resident informed us that there are two pipe issues on the pond on the west end of 165<sup>th</sup> Street. On both the inlet and outlet pipes, there are pipe joints that have come apart and will need to be repaired. BKJ is preparing to do this work and will complete it as soon as they have time available.
- 190<sup>th</sup> Street Culvert – A culvert crossing 190<sup>th</sup> just west of Fox Ridge Road appears to have failed on the north side of the road. This will likely be an expensive fix because of the depth of water, the soils and the fact that the culvert is 10 feet deep. The Board requested to have bids prepared/
- 207<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage – Because of the rainy fall weather of 2019, the regrading of the ditch area on the north side of 207<sup>th</sup> Street was delayed. A meeting will be organized with the residents to discuss the scope of the work and answer any questions. This work will not be able to be completed until late spring/early summer to allow the area to dry. Berens asked to proceed with getting bids for this project.
- MS4 Inspections – Pond and outfall inspections have been completed. New ponds still need to be added to the inventory list and the report finalized.

- 20855 Mushtown Drainage Issue – The resident at this property contacted the Township regarding a possible plugged drain tile. Upside ditch work and some grading needs to be done downstream which have been impacted by farming operations. Resident stated that before road was turned back to the Township, the County would perform maintenance to assure it was functioning appropriately. Stordahl contacted the County and they stated that they’ve done culvert and ditch maintenance in this area, but that the County does not repair or otherwise maintain drain tile. Kowalski suggested that they meet with the owner before making any decisions. The attached illustrates what the issue is.
  - 3750 Hickory Trail – The resident at the property contacted the Township regarding a culvert that needs maintenance. The volume of water is large and causing an erosion problem. Stordahl suggested a few items that the township or resident may do to help. Berens asked to take a look at the issue and then come back to the Board to discuss. The attached illustrates what the issue is.
- e) Development
- i) Developments –
- (1) Harvest Bluffs – Punchlist repairs were completed in March 2020, including repairing the infiltration basin. It appears that the infiltration basin is functioning appropriately, but we need to verify this.
- f) Other
- i) Kowalski asked about Joe Eidem’s drain tile issue and the progress; no updates available.
- ii) Kowalski and Stordahl met with Carlson and are asking the former property owner, Don Kesh, to join them on site along with Troy Kuphal to discuss on may be happening as 70 acres of wetlands has risen over 2 feet over the last few years.

## 5) Road Report

- a) Graveling is done and would like to wait until it rains and grade again.
- b) No issues to report.
- c) Weight limits signs have been removed.

## 6) Town Hall and Parks Report

- a) Hanson noted that Domer did great work with gathering information about Spring Lake Township and creating a new “About Us” section on the website.
- b) Annual Financial Report to be added each year to the website
- c) NetWave Broadband: Discussion was had about where to install NetWave Broadband access that township receives as part of public-private partnership. Decision was made to have it at Townhall if it could be used and tested. , Staff note that Shakopee Schools will be helping to defray the cost to the Township for the public-private agreement. Conversations are also happening with Jordan and Lakeville schools. Prior Lake/ Savage is not interested in participating in a permanent solution as they are using hot spots to cover their school’s needs.

## 7) Water Resources Report

- a) Watershed Workshop- Oceanic group presented information at last meeting that there is increasing frequency of major rain events.
- b) Alum Treatment is being applied on Spring Lake and will wrap up this week and will be applied to upper Prior Lake after Memorial Day.

- c) Mosquito Control – is out working on controlling the mosquito population; with more people at home they wanted to make people aware.

**8) Treasurer’s Report**

- a) Johnson presented the April, 2020 Treasurer’s Report. In April total receipts were \$23,360.78, total disbursements were \$45,808.68, and the ending cash balance was \$2,062,076.74. Kelley made a motion to approve the April, 2020 Treasurer’s Report. Berens seconded. All in favor.

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**9) SCALE**

- a) SCALE – Executive committee heard request for Broadband and declined to participate.
- b) SCALE meetings may be held in-person starting next month.

**10) New Business/Old Business**

- a) Vitrtual Board Meetings- Board requested to continue online meetings for June.
- b) Town Hall Rentals- staff will continue to work with renters as state restrictions evolve.
- c) Driveway – Staff noted Kressman had applied for driveway permit and although issues came up about the installation of the culver and the gravel used, he made the necessary changes prior to his application for a building permit.

**11) Approval of Disbursements** The Board reviewed the May, 2020 disbursement ledgers and approved checks numbered, 13105 to 13135, to be issued. Check 13104 was issued separately to Access Networks. The checks were signed and given to Hanson for mailing.

There being no further business before the Board, Kelley made a motion to adjourn. Berens seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Melissa Hanson, Clerk  
Spring Lake Township

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

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Thaddeus Kowalski, Chairman

Melissa Hanson, Clerk