1) The September monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Borka at 7:00 p.m.
2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3) Additions to the agenda. Nielsen requested the following additions to the agenda: 1) Update on the Town Hall, 2) Approval of Pay Request #2, 3) Resignation of Henschel and discussion of process for appointing a new supervisor. Berens made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes. Borka seconded. The agenda was approved 2-0.
4) Approval of August 9, 2007 meeting minutes. Berens made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Borka seconded. The minutes were approved 2-0.

Public Commentary. Dennis Thom requested the Board review and approve the plat of Lot 7, Canterbury Woods. Borka informed Thom that his request was out of order as it was not on the agenda for consideration. Richard Dennis requested permission to change the style of street light located at 2530 South Shore Drive. Dennis presented a letter signed by the residents directly impacted by the change indicating that they are willing to bear the cost of replacing the street light head. The Board will research the request and make a decision at next month’s meeting.

5) Agenda Items
   a) Doherty’s Tavern - request for support of expansion of liquor license to include outdoor fenced-in area. Kevin Hafermann and Steve Higgins, owners of Doherty’s Tavern and their Atty John Arechigo presented their request to amend the liquor license for Doherty’s Tavern to include an outdoor area enclosed by a fence. Hafermann stated that extending the liquor license to include an outdoor patio is necessary to accommodate the tavern’s smoking clients in light of the State’s October 1st indoor smoking ban. The Board and Mike Cronin expressed concerns that adding an outdoor serving area will be an impermissible expansion of a non-conforming structure. This concern is also expressed by Scott County in a letter to Doherty’s Tavern dated September 11, 2007. Nielsen also noted that Doherty’s Tavern has already violated their current liquor license by serving liquor outdoors at at least 5 events in the past 2 years. Hafermann stated that the owners had not previously been aware that their license did not permit outdoor sales or consumption. Berens made a motion to table this agenda item pending further investigation of the issues at hand, receipt of a written request from Doherty’s stating the proposed use of the patio area and a drawing of the area to be enclosed. Borka seconded. All in favor.
b) Michael Cronin – update on the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Cronin discussed the status of the Township’s draft policies which were sent to Scott County for consideration to be incorporated into their 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Many of the draft policies were adopted. However, recommendations for modification to the use of “staging” the rezoning of Spring Lake Township were not incorporated. Berens made a motion to authorize Cronin to move forward with next steps in accomplishing the Township’s goals for the Scott County 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

c) Consideration of bids for installation of a septic system for the Town Hall project. Nielsen presented the two bids for installation of a septic system for the Town Hall project. Berens made a motion to reject all bids as the bid request prepared by the Township had not been specific enough. Borka seconded. The motion passed 2-0. New bid requests will be prepared and sent out as soon as possible.

d) Consideration of changes to sewer and water connection fees. The Board informed interested residents that there may be a need to adopt special sewer and water connection fees for those sewer stubs which were not assessed with at the time of the original South Shore Drive sewer and water project. However, Nielsen and Siegle were not yet prepared to present the financial information necessary to properly consider this item. Therefore, this item was deferred to the October meeting.

e) Consideration of special assessments for undeveloped or newly developed lots within the South Shore Drive SSD. This item was deferred to the October meeting. This item was tabled.

f) Consideration of rate changes for Ben’s Bay SSD. Siegle presented an analysis of the maintenance and operating costs for Ben’s Bay SSD from inception to date. Maintenance and operation costs have significantly exceeded the fees collected. Siegle noted that fees should be increased to address current the fund deficit. Berens suggested an increase to a semi-annual fee of $625 to recover the current deficit within 5 years. Berens made a motion to schedule a public hearing for October 11th at 6:30 p.m. to consider a change in maintenance and operation fees for Ben’s Bay SSD to $625 semi-annually. Borka seconded. All in favor.

g) Update on Town Hall. The project is on schedule and progress meetings are being held bi-weekly. The Board reviewed information regarding a new vapor barrier product. It was decided that Prosoco R-Guard will be used on the project. Nielsen presented a list of small items which need to be purchased outside of the contract. Statz addressed the recent decision by American Testing to authorize additional excavation in the parking lot.

h) Consideration of Pay Request #2 for Town Hall. Nielsen presented pay request #2 for review. After review Berens made a motion to approve Pay Request #2 for payment. Borka seconded. All in favor.

6) Road report
   a) Maintenance of stormwater infiltration ponds. Berens discussed the need for weed, brush and tree removal on stormwater infiltration ponds. Berens will obtain quotes.
   b) Statz presented a scope and fee proposal for the preliminary work needed to complete culvert replacement on Vergus Avenue between 195th Street and CSAH 10. Berens made a motion to authorize the wetland delineation as outlined in the fee proposal. Borka seconded. All in favor. Statz will present a cost proposal for project design at the October meeting.
   c) Weeds are currently being mowed.
d) Cedar Lake Township has requested that Spring Lake Township pay for ½ the cost of removing the post and cable fence at St. Catherine’s Church. Berens will discuss with Gerald Williams.

Berens made a motion to accept the road report. Borka seconded. All in favor.

7) Treasurer’s report
Siegle presented the August Treasurer’s Report. Berens made a motion to approve the August, 2007 Treasurer’s Report. Borka seconded. All in favor.

8) Old business/new business
a) Borka reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Supervisor Henschel, effective September 1, 2007. Berens has scheduled a meeting with Glenn Kelley to discuss his interest in the open position.

b) Nielsen presented draft minutes of the August 14th special meeting to select tile for the Town Hall, the August 21st special meeting to make decisions regarding well and septic design, the August 21st special meeting to select interior finishes for the Town Hall and the September 4th special meeting to select tile for the Town Hall. Borka made a motion to approve the August 14th, both August 21st and the September 4th special meeting minutes. Berens seconded. The motion passed 2-0.

c) Nielsen informed the Board that she has received a draft Prior Lake Wellhead Protection Plan for review and comment. Nielsen will prepare a written response.

d) Nielsen presented an e-mail from the Prior Lake Spring Lake Watershed District inquiring whether a township permit is required for the placement of boulders near the outlet of Spring Lake. No permit is required.

9) Cash disbursements
The Board reviewed the September, 2007 disbursement ledgers and approved the checks to be issued. The checks were signed and given to Nielsen for mailing.

There being no further business for the Board, at 12:30 a.m. Berens made a motion to continue the meeting to 9:30 a.m on September 12, 2007 at the home of Glenn Kelley, 2850 South Shore Drive, Prior Lake, MN to discuss his interest in serving as township supervisor. Borka continued the meet at 9:30 a.m. Berens and Borka discussed with Glenn Kelley, his possible interest in filling the supervisor seat recently vacated by Henschel. Kelley will give the position some consideration and respond to Berens shortly.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Kathy Nielsen, Clerk
Spring Lake Township

Minutes approved ___________________

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Michael Borka, Chairman

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Kathy Nielsen, Clerk