

**SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP  
DECEMBER 6, 2021  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Township Officers met for the regular monthly board meeting with members present: Jacob Gillard, Steve Lindgren, Bill Friedland, Michelle Kleven, and Kurt Koester. Gillard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Gillard made a motion to approve the prepared agenda moving any road discussion with Steve Hass to the beginning of the meeting by request of Steve Hass; seconded by Friedland. Motion carried unanimously.

**ROADS/SIGNS:** Steve Hass had some discussion regarding town roads. Kleven discussed snowplowing for the City of Cambridge per town line road agreement and the town board would like to charge the City of Cambridge \$130.00 per hour as the last 2 years. Hass will be plowing University Avenue this snow season per town line agreement with Cambridge Township. Kleven discussed the minimum snow plow monthly fee of \$2000.00 from December- March with Hass Construction. The town board discussed the beaver damn in the large culvert off of 349<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Gillard made a motion to pay Gary Westerberg \$400.00 to trap the beavers off of 349<sup>th</sup> Avenue and approve Hass Construction to remove the beaver dam with a back hoe; seconded by Friedland. Motion carried unanimously. The ATV road damage issue near 33446 Flamingo Street seems to have been resolved.

**VALE DR & XEON ROAD IMPROVEMENT:** Tim Haugo was present from Bolton & Menk Engineering and Surveying Firm to discuss the Vale Drive and Xeon road improvement plans and specifications. There was some discussion. Lindgren stated he would like to have all road project meetings separate from the regular board meetings. Gillard made a motion to approve resolution 2021.9 approving plans and to advertise for bids; seconded by Friedland. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Friedland made a motion to approve the minutes from the November Board meeting; seconded by Lindgren. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT:** Koester read the Treasurer's reports and updated the town board on permits. There was some discussion. Lindgren made a motion to approve the November treasurer reports and approved transferring the interest fund per year end MN Statute; seconded by Friedland. Motion carried unanimously. Kleven and Koester will start working on year end reports.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Kleven discussed the workers compensation insurance renewal, invoices, gopher bounty claim, regular claims, and payroll. Jack Durham had some discussion with the town officers regarding why gopher bounty payments are only to Springvale Township taxpayers. Friedland made a motion to approve: Invoices 1194, 1196, & 1198, paying gopher bounty claim #1021 for a total amount of \$210.00, paying claims #8707-#8726 for the total amount of \$28515.63, and paying payroll in the amount of \$4074.37; seconded by Gillard. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The town board had some discussion regarding setting the dates of the Reorganization and Board of Audit. Lindgren made a motion to set the Reorganization meeting on January 5, 2022 starting at 5:30 PM, set the Board of Audit on February 2, 2022 starting at 5:30 PM, and approve Kleven to publish these meetings in the newspaper; seconded by Gillard. Motion carried unanimously. Kleven read resolution 2021.10 designating the polling place. Gillard made a motion to approve 2021.10; seconded by Friedland. Motion carried unanimously. Kleven notified the town board of Peter Tiede's law firm practice change announcement. Kleven notified the town board of a Community Facilities

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direct loan & grant program. Gillard asked Kleven to do a little research on the community facilities program in the next few months.

**ROADS/SIGNS CONTINUED.** There was no discussion of signs or mailbox posts for Kleven to order or invoice. The town board discussed increased road maintenance costs due to the Highway 95 construction project. Kleven sent a letter with the increased expenses to MNDOT for reimbursement in November. MNDOT has requested more detail from the last 3 years of road maintenance costs and a designated unofficial detour map. Pamela Mix contacted Friedland regarding the removal of tree on her personal property, PID 10.011.1701; in danger of falling on 361<sup>st</sup> Court NW. Per further inspection, the tree is in the road rights-of-way not on Mix's personal property. Gillard asked Kleven to email Pamela Mix a township tree removal consent form. Blake Vogland at 36325 Tamarack Street did not sign or receive the certified letter sent for a non-complying mailbox post and junk in the ROW of the township road. Lindgren and Friedland removed the junk and installed a new mailbox swing arm post. The town board approved invoice 1196 to Blake Vogland for the cost of a new swing arm post, removal of junk & salvage yard fees, and labor; see the approval of bills section. Lindgren asked Kleven if Springvale Township complies with MN Statue 366.01 to assess tax payers for unpaid costs from the township. Kleven stated she will review the township Rights-of-way ordinance.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The town board discussed fine payments still due by one town hall vandal. Gillard asked Kleven to email the vandal family with their outstanding balance. The town board discussed not replacing the ADA handicap ramp, not adding any new security cameras at this time, and not installing the purchased flag pole at this time. The town hall parking lot lighting was repaired. Gillard is working on the town newsletter.

**COMMUNICATION:** The town board noted the Isanti County Zoning items pertaining to Springvale Township in December. Pastor Jacob Gillard said a Christmas Blessing for Springvale Township.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Todd & DeEtta Moos had questions regarding mail ballot elections, Springvale Township's Comprehensive Plan, and other County and Township business. Roger Selin had comments about elections and Township business. The town board had discussion regarding a new town hall and shop building. The resident's present, requested information in the town newsletter regarding a new town hall and shop building.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS ON JANAUARY 5, 2022 STARTING AT 6:30 P.M.**

Gillard adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michelle Kleven  
Clerk

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Jacob Gillard  
Chairman