

**SPRINGVALE TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

The township board met at the town hall for its regular monthly meeting with the following board members present: Roger McNear, Bill Friedland, Burt Coleman, Marge Jendro and Michelle Kleven. McNear called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Friedland made a motion to approve the August monthly meeting minutes. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Friedland made a motion to approve the Towler Neighborhood meeting minutes held 8/15/07. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT: Jendro read the treasurer report. Friedland made a motion to approve the August treasurer's report. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: McNear read the current claims and payroll for the month. Friedland made a motion to approve the claims #978 through #994 in the amount of \$43,402.38 and payroll for \$1,929.54. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GOPHER BOUNTY: Alex Kotzenmacher presented 3 pair of gopher feet to the board and was issued check #987 in the amount of \$6.00. Alex Smith presented 12 pairs of gopher feet to the board and was issued check #988 in the amount of \$24.00.

ENGINEERING: Brian Miller from BDM engineering was not present. Bob and Linda Towler notified the Board of Springvale that their private drive will become a private road and all costs to maintain it will be supplied by the adjacent land owners. McNear asked for a letter from each property owner adjacent to the Towler private drive stating that they understand they will be on a private driveway / road and will be responsible for maintenance not Springvale Township. The board has not received any updated information from Keith Fluth for Rum River Preserves. McNear will contact Keith Fluth before the October meeting. Kleven to call Jerry Schleicher from the County Highway department get an update on payment of past due invoices for BDM engineering work done on the Becklin road.

OLD BUSINESS: McNear read and gave the board a draft Ordinance for OHV/ATV and dirt bikes in the township. The board agreed to have McNear bring this draft Ordinance to the next Isanti County Township Association meeting. McNear received another complaint from residents pertaining to rose bushes blocking the right of way off of 341st Ave NW. Kleven to send a letter to Steve and Mary Lindgren off of 341st Avenue to trim their rose bushes again.

NEW BUSINESS: Randy Oslund was present representing Rum River Ducks Unlimited chapter requesting approval of the town board for a gambling permit for a fundraiser to be held at the Isanti County Sportsmen's Club on September 8th, 2007. McNear made a motion to approve the gambling permit for Ducks Unlimited event 9/8/07. Coleman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Residents from Springvale Township and Cambridge Township were present to discuss a private driveway situation located off of 353rd Avenue NW in section 13. Wallberg is building a private driveway, which will provide use to more than 2 parcels, parallel to another private road named University Avenue which is the town line and is used by more than 2 other parcels. A driveway permit has not been approved by Springvale Township. There was a lot of discussion held between residents and the board about Springvale Township's Ordinances and private driveway situations. McNear stated that the board has no control of what residents in Springvale Township do on their property and Isanti County Zoning continues to grant building permits even if there is no town road to access the properties. McNear will contact Tiede regarding the confusion in Springvale Township's Ordinances and private driveways. Kleven received an application for the 2007 disability grant program. Kleven will fill out and mail in. Kleven will also contact the township property insurance to have an adjuster come out and look at the townhall roof to see if any damage has occurred from the three hail storms this summer.

ROADS: Cambridge Township is borrowing their road counting equipment to Springvale Township. Friedland did a road count for Flamingo and 329th Avenue. It was out 4 days from Tuesday – Saturday. The count averaged 223 cars per day. Kleven updated the board on the road and right of way violations held at 198 341st Avenue NW. Pictures have been taken and certified letters have been mailed. McNear tabled the vacated road issue until October. The board requested that Kleven mail a letter to Darby Bunnell regarding his mailbox post. Bunnell and his mother whom lives next door both have illegal mailbox posts and are violating Springvale Township's Ordinances. There is a street sign missing at County Road 6 and Blackfoot Street.

COMMUNICATION:

Updates from meetings / training Board members attended in August- none

County Zoning minutes pertaining to Springvale this month

MN Assoc. District meeting at Cambridge College 9/12/07 7:00 p.m.

Annual Conference NATaT / Washington D.C. 9/4-9/6

Legal Seminar Oct 11-12- Brooklyn Park

MN Assoc Township Annual meeting Nov 15-17 St. Cloud

Township mail received

PUBLIC FORUM: McNear will not be at the October meeting. No other public forum.

NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3rd AT 6:30 P.M.

Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Friedland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Kleven
Town Clerk

Roger McNear
Chairman

