



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

Board Members and Staff Present:

Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Jim Thill, Supervisor Donna Ferguson, Treasurer Sharon McAndrew, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch, Gary Guse Road Superintendent.

Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Fitzwater called the Regular Monthly Fish Lake Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Township Office at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

Road Report

Gary Guse presented the road report. In the month October, most of the time was spent on road and equipment maintenance.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Bank Balances as of: October 31, 2023

Checking	\$8,924.54	Broadband Debt. Service	\$77,505.28
Savings (Camb. State)	\$524,991.65	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$38,765.97

Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #14488 to #14514, for the amount of \$87,037.70, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$82,000 from savings to checking fund. Approved unanimously.

Minutes

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Approved unanimously.

Schedule Appointments

None.

Clerk Report

The board approved adding insurance to the 6' utility trailer at \$11/year.

The Waggoner/Bearhart Dog Kennel IUP was presented at the November 2, 2023, planning commission meeting and the planning commission board chose to table the IUP until the December 7, 2023 planning commission meeting to allow for more comments.

Board Member Reports

None.

Old Business

The township’s legal counsel will examine the Cooperative Paving Policy and Ordinance 4 & 5, providing suggestions for modifications or additions as needed.

New Business

Local Road Improvement Project Application Resolution 2023-12. *Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Fitzwater to approve Resolution 2023-12 SUPPORTING PURSUIT OF 2023 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING FROM MnDOT FOR THE 430TH STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. Approved unanimously.*

Reconvene. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to reconvene on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:00 pm to finish agenda items.*

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to call the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Approved unanimously. Chair Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Thill, Supervisor Ferguson, and Clerk Nekowitsch were in attendance.

The township’s legal counsel had not provided feedback on the Cooperative Paving Policy or Ordinance 5 at the time of this meeting and this issue has been tabled until the December 11, 2023 meeting.

Resolution 2023-11 Sick and Safe Time Policy. *Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2023-11 Sick and Safe Time Policy. Approved unanimously.*

In order to incorporate the new sick and safe time information into the employee handbook, the Board conducted a thorough review of the entire handbook and related policies, implementing updates and revisions as necessary.

Citizen Comment

None.

Adjourn

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair	Date	Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk	Date
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