



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2022

Board Members Present: Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Corey Johnson, Supervisor Jim Thill, Treasurer Sharon McAndrew, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present: Gary Guse, Road Maintenance,

**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 Town Hall at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. Motion made by Thill and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

**Road Report:** Gary Guse presented the road report. In the month of May, most of the time was spent on grading.

Motion made by Johnson and seconded Fitzwater to accept the quote from Knife River to pave Cedarbridge Court road and hammer head for \$36,000. All ayes; motion passed.

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Johnson to spend \$3700 to finish marking culverts for the last quarter of the Township. All ayes; motion passed.

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Johnson to spend \$9,800 to purchase reclaim gravel stockpile. All ayes; motion passed.

Marcus Johnson Engineer from Bolton and Menk was present to discuss with the Board current grant opportunities. If the qualifications are met, they will research and apply for a grant to upgrade diesel equipment under the Off Road Diesel Grant to upgrade older diesel equipment.

**Treasurers Report:** The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

### Bank Balances as of: May 31, 2022

Checking	\$4464.80	Broadband Debt. Service	\$16,386.23
Savings (Camb. State)	\$372,291.91	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$28,751.05

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #14001 to #14021, for the amount of \$82,340.26, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$91,000 from savings to checking. All ayes; motion passed

**Minutes:** Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting. All ayes; motion passed.

### Appointments:

Gary Decker, 46390 Beach Road – Variance request to build 15' closer to road set-back. In effort to reduce lake shore impact and to make the new home blend within the neighboring structures. We are asking for a variance of 15 ft. closer to the road center line. The current setback is 73 ft. of the center line of the road. We are asking to be able to have the

structure up to 58 ft. of the center line of the road. Due to the setback of 73 ft. a hardship exists to this property. The roadway nature is a dead end with minimal local traffic. With the current set back from the road the buildable area as surveyed is beyond the contours of the hill and with the sharp contours it will require excessive terracing and having more of the foundation exposed. This will move the structure further from the lakeshore reducing lakeshore impact. By bringing the structure 15 ft. closer to the road it will be in line with neighboring homes instead of standing out from them. This will also reduce the amount of soil brought in for construction. This property will be less close to the lake and less close to the road. Better on the property for intruding of neighboring households. This will shorten the driveway and will reduce the impervious surface for the property. Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve variance request with no conditions. *All ayes; motion passed.*

**Clerk Report:**

1. Township Mailbox needs to be replaced due to damage from an unknown vehicle.
2. Appoint Election Judges – Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to appoint the following Election Judges for the 2022 Primary and General Elections: Carol Gilquist, Eileen DeYoung, Kenneth Gamble, John Cook, David Grabowski, Gayle Grabowski, Sandra Kalpin, Patty Anstett, Karina Larsen, Kimberly Maring and also approve Clerk Nekowitsch to appoint additional judges if necessary. *All ayes; motion passed.*
3. Chisago County will hold an open house for residents and highway users at the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 from 5-7 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to gather information, concerns and input from local residents and highway users.

**Board Member Reports:**

The Board set a date for a road tour of Monday, June 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

The Board reviewed a letter received from Mike and Ann Tessneer and North Folk Winery on Blackhawk Road requesting that the Township consider a chloride program for high traffic roads with small businesses. This year the Tessneer's paid to have a portion of the Blackhawk chloride and Hassle Free Septic at the other end of Blackhawk Road. The Township currently pays for 425<sup>th</sup> (the connecting road from Blackhawk to County 8). Currently, the average daily traffic count for Blackhawk is 55 cars and the Township chloride's roads with ADT of 115 cars per day. The Board will discuss this at the next County Township Meeting and ask other Townships what they do in cases like this.

**Citizen Comment:**

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

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Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

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Date

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Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

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