



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

Board Members Present: Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Corey Johnson, Supervisor Diane Larkin, 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 Fitzwater 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 December 2019, most of the time was spent on snow and ice control.

Snow Wing Cart. The Board discussed and reviewed a video for the Snow Wing Cart, a piece of equipment to aid in the attachment and removal of the wing from the grader. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to purchase the Snow Wing Cart for a total of \$3,175 delivered. All ayes; motion passed.*

2020 F-450 Truck. The Board discussed the possible purchase of a 2020 F-450 to replace the Township's 2008 F-350. The Township's current truck is used for plowing and sanding/salting and is starting to show signs of major repairs coming soon. The Board will review this possibility during the upcoming budget session.

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

Bank Balances as of: December 31, 2019

Blacktop Fund (1st Bank)	\$32,928.88	Broadband Debt. Service	\$94,242.93
Savings (1st Bank)	\$76,349.99	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$54,511.99
Savings (Camb. State)	\$331,215.94	Checking	\$6,973.06

Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Johnson to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13300 to #13328, for the amount of \$137,731.10, authorize up to \$500.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$24,000 from Savings to Checking and the transfer of \$28,250 from Anchor Ave. to Checking and \$83,017.50 Broadband to Checking. All ayes; motion passed.

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

Appointments:

None.

Clerk Report:

Filing for Town Supervisor closes tomorrow, January 14, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The Township office will be open from 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm as required by law.

Clerk Nekowitsch appointed the following election judges for the 2020 Elections, KC Gamble, Corrine Meyer, Arlene Burda, Martha Kruse, David Grabowski, John Cook, Sue Carew.

Board Member Reports:

None.

Old Business:

420th Street – East of County Road 8 (325th St. North Branch Township). North Branch Township representatives along with Steve Stranland of DirtWorks discussed the best options for addressing the drainage issue on the border road. It was discussed and decided that the best course of action for this road is to raise it a couple feet, create shallow ditches and add culverts, if necessary. *Motion made by ___ and seconded by ___ to hire DirtWorks to raise the road, create shallow ditches and add culverts if necessary. All ayes; motion passed.*

Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Johnson to reconvene on Thursday, January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to work on the 2021 budget. All ayes; motion passed.

January 23, 2020 – 6:00 PM

Chair Fitzwater called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The following were in attendance: Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Corey Johnson, Supervisor Diane Larkin, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch and Road Superintendent Gary Guse.

New Business:

2021 Budget Review. The Board reviewed and prepared a proposed budget for 2022. They also discussed with Gary installing a programable thermostat in the shop to be able to keep it at a cooler temperature and to add a better heater in his office so he can keep it closed off from the shop dirt and debris while working. Supervisor Johnson will research the correct thermostats to purchase.

2020 Ford F-450 Truck. The Board reviewed and discussed the purchase of a 2020 Ford F450 to replace the 2008 Ford F350. The current One Ton is a 2008 and is starting to show and have signs of mechanical issues. The state bid price for the truck, stainless steel dump box, plow for approximately \$74,000. The current 2008 F350 can be sold outright or traded in against the price of the new truck. There is money from the 2019 equipment fund that can be carried over and there is also money budgeted in the 2020 equipment fund. *Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Fitzwater to purchase a 2020 Ford F450 to replace the 2008 Ford F350 for \$71,559.58 that will include a stainless-steel dump box and plow. All ayes; motion passed.*

Citizen Comment:

None.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Larkin to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date