



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021

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 Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

Road Report: Gary Guse presented the road report. In the month of April, most of the time was spent on grading, culverts and road maintenance.

Intersection Paving. The Board discussed increasing the length of paving of intersections during road construction projects. Chisago County paves 100' into intersecting roads during their road construction projects. The Board considered the cost of covering the cost of the additional 100' – 150' of pavement for intersecting roads to increase safety and decrease wear and tear of gravel from cars speeding up and slowing down when traveling intersections. Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Fitzwater to partner with Chisago County during their County Road 4 (Acacia Trail) project and approve paving of an additional 100-150' feet beyond the county project of all intersecting roads. All in favor.

The awards for the State Park Road Account have been published and Fish Lake Township was not awarded a grant for Blue Heron Trail. Additionally, no projects in Chisago County were awarded.

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

Bank Balances as of: April 30, 2021

Checking	\$3,252.98	Broadband Debt. Service	\$13,954.57
Savings (Camb. State)	\$300,509.71	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$29,521.66

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13713 to #13731, for the amount of \$27,030.69, authorize up to \$500.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$25,000 from Savings to Checking. All ayes; motion passed

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

Appointments:

1. Diamond Acres – Final Mylars for Jason and Jamie Holmstrom. The Board reviewed the final plat and there were no changes made from the preliminary plat that was presented earlier. The mylars were signed
2. Craig and Michele Hamersma – 2261 Cedarbridge Court. Variance request to existing dwelling and attached garage from 20' to 15' setback on east side of property to allow for 1 car garage addition of 14' W x 26' L

attached to existing garage. Did not attend the meeting.

Clerk Report:

Oak Leaf Grange Hall: An email was received regarding the Township receiving the Oak Leaf Grange Hall because there was a statement made at last year's State Grange of Minnesota annual meeting by President Ann Bercher noting that the State Grange had transferred the Oak Leaf Grange Hall property to the ownership of Fish Lake Township. The Township has no knowledge of any such transfer and has not been approached by any entity regarding taking ownership of the Oak Leaf Grange and property. At present, the Township Board has no interest in the property or building. The building is showing signs of decay and in need of substantial repairs. The property has no utilities, well or septic. The Board sees the historical value in the site, but the financial burden is too great to take on and will not accept any type of transfer from the State Grange of Minnesota.

Board Member Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Intersection paving: See Road Report above

Citizen Comment:

None

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date