



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 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 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 June, most of the time was spent on mowing ditches, grading and brush cutting.

Gary presented a quote for extending the fence to the entrance for gravel/brush on Brunswick. The Board declined to move on the quote.

Gary discussed the cost to pave North Pine Lake Road which is 2.5 miles. Cambridge Township and North Branch Township would have the opportunity to join in the project at their own cost for each of their 2/10 of a mile if/when the project would happen. Currently, it is about \$225,000 per mile for a shape and pave.

Gary discussed with the Board offering chloride to residents again. This will be tabled until spring 2022.

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

Bank Balances as of: May 31, 2021

Checking	\$24,944.44	Broadband Debt. Service	\$13,955.73
Savings (Camb. State)	\$225,198.02	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$29,524.12

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13747 to #13779, for the amount of \$130,279.84, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$274,500 from Checking to Savings; the transfer of \$58,073.13 from Checking to Anchor Ave. account; \$3,988.53 from Checking to Anchor Ave. account and \$25,090.60 Checking to Savings. All ayes; motion passed

Minutes: Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 and June 21, 2021 meetings. All ayes; motion passed.

Treasurer McAndrew informed the Board that the collateral pledge from the Cambridge State Bank will be by U.S. Treasury Bond from now on rather than a letter of credit, which now comes with a fee.

Appointments:

David Pederson – 46680 Beach Road. Variance to allow fence the doesn't meet the setback requirement from the centerline of Beach Road. This will be a privacy fence that runs perpendicular with the road would be 15' into the 73' setback. Motion made Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to approve the variance with no conditions. All in favor.

Clerk Report:

None.

Board Member Reports:

Wild Parsnip has been found in Chisago County and Fish Lake Township. Wild parsnip (*Pastinaca sativa*), a non-native plant, was first discovered in Minnesota in the 1990s. While this plant causes a range of impacts to the environment, the largest concern from this invading species is its ability to inflict burns to skin of people that come into contact with the sap from the plant. Wild parsnip is found in open places such as roadsides, pastures, and disturbed areas.

Old Business:

Roque Pastorius has applied for a driveway permit for the access that was installed. Charles Boeck has not contacted the Township at this time another letter will be sent with proof of delivery.

New Business:

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 2021-06 Accepting Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF). Motion carries.

Citizen Comment:

None.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date

