



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 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 Johnson 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 January, most of the time was spent on general road maintenance.

Gary presented the Board with a quote for 4 new grader tires to have in stock since the prices are at a low point. Motion made by Thill to purchase four 17.5 R25 Michelin Tires for a total of \$7064. All ayes; motion passed.

Gary discussed with the Board potential road projects for the next couple years.

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

Bank Balances as of: 1/31/2022			
Checking	\$20,584.43	Broadband Debt. Service	\$100,941.28
Savings (Camb. State)	\$390,714.65	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$53,557.80

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13907 to #13928, for the amount of \$80,036.89, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$70,000 from Savings to Checking; transfer of \$86,256.25 from Broadband to Savings; the following transfers from Savings to Anchor Ave. \$1701.61, \$991.52, \$495.76, \$495.76. All ayes; motion passed

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

Appointments:

None.

Clerk Report:

1. Chisago County Commercial Shooting Range Ordinance Draft Copy for Review. There will be a meeting at Chisago County regarding this proposed ordinance on March 3, 2022
2. Cambridge Fire Department Annual Township Meeting on 3/1 at 6:00 PM
3. Local Board of Appeal Scheduled at Fish Lake Township on Wed. 4/20 at 6:00 PM

4. Appoint Election Judges for 2022 Elections. Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to appoint the following people as election judges for the March 8, 2022, annual township election: KC Gamble, Corrine Meyer, Patty Anstett and Carol Gilquist. All ayes, motion passed.

5. Petition to Vacate a Portion of Beach Road. The Township received a petition from Spencer Richards. The Board accepted the petition and set a hearing date for 6:01 pm on March 14, 2022. Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to **approve Resolution 2022-01**, setting a hearing date for vacating a portion of Beach Road. All ayes, motion passed.

Board Member Reports:

Old Business:

2022 John Deere Lawn Mower: The Board revisited the purchase of a new zero turn lawn mower for maintaining the grounds at the hall and cemetery. The current John Deere lawn tractor is 20+ years old. The dealer offered \$1000 on trade for the current lawn tractor. The current lawn tractor does not meet today's safety standards and needs maintenance. Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to purchase a 530M V-Track for a total of \$3610 after trade allowance. All ayes; motion passed.

Fence Damage Update. The individual who damaged the township fence with his vehicle has paid the township in full for the repairs.

New Business:

Seasonal Part-Time Snowplow Drivers. The Board discussed an incentive-based pay for seasonal part-time plow operators of a \$150 month stipend since they are on-call throughout the winter plow season. Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to pay \$150 per month from November through April each year to part-time plow drivers who attend all winter weather events for the month. All ayes, motion passed.

Board of Review. The annual Board of Review was performed for the 2021 finances.

2023 Draft Budget. The Board completed a draft 2023 budget levy to present to the residents at the annual meeting.

Employee Reviews. The Board performed employee reviews and reviewed current wages and made the following adjustments. Motion made Fitzwater by and seconded by Thill to increase the following: board member monthly stipend \$25/mo., treasurer \$40/mo., clerk \$70, full-time road superintendent increase of \$1.11/hr. retroactive to January 1, 2022.

Citizen Comment:

Cindy Carlson was present at the meeting to discuss chloride on her road and that if possible, she would not like it on the portion of road in front of her house.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date