



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 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 Larkin 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 April 2020, most of the time was spent on grading, road maintenance, shop time and gravel road work.

**Shouldering Machine.** Cambridge Township is selling their shouldering machine and the Board has agreed to purchase it for \$4500 or less. Fish Lake currently does not have a shouldering machine and contracts this work out. Purchasing this machine will enable the Township to do its own shouldering machine. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to purchase Cambridge Township's shouldering machine at no more than \$4500. All ayes; motion passed*

**North Pine Lake Road.** Current road counts for North Pine are averaging 240 day up from 175 five years ago. The amount of traffic is becoming too much for a gravel road.

**Blue Heron Trail.** Gary discussed with the Board applying for the Minnesota DNR State Park Road Grant for Blue Heron Trail. In 2007 Blue Heron Trail/482<sup>nd</sup> St (Nessel Township) was petitioned by the residents to be paved at their cost. This road is a shared road with Nessel Township. Maintenance has been done in prior years, but it is getting to be time for a reconstruction and repaving project. The DNR offers a grant to pave roads that lead to public lake accesses. There is a public lake access on Blue Heron Trail at nearly the end of the road. To apply for the grant, a feasibility study report from an engineer needs to accompany the grant application. The Board directed the Clerk to write a letter to Nessel explaining that Fish Lake would like to jointly apply for the DNR SPRA grant to reconstruct and repave Blue Heron Trail/482<sup>nd</sup> Street and that Nessel agrees to pay for half of the feasibility study to accompany grant application. Fish Lake Township has been awarded grant funding from this program in the past of \$600,000 to pave Township roads that lead to public lake accesses. The costs required to be paid by the Township was the engineering fees for the projects.

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

### Bank Balances as of: April 30, 2020

Savings (1 <sup>st</sup> Bank)	\$109,308.52	Broadband Debt. Service	\$11,671.80
Savings (Camb. State)	\$226,348.23	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$26,729.31
		Checking	\$5,835.99

*Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Johnson to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13392 to #13418, for the amount of \$67,678.52, authorize up to \$500.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month,*

approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$56,500 from Savings to Checking to cover the month's bills. 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:**

1. Jared and Miranda Drydahl, 46697 Cambridge Drive. Variance to build closer to current lake set-back limitations. The Drydahl's would like to remove current upper deck space and replace with 4-season porch, small wooden deck underneath with concrete and retaining wall and replace remainder of current deck with new decking that will meet current codes as existing deck does not. The current deck is over the set-back requirements. The Board reviewed the variance form information, design plans and aerial photos. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to approve the Drydahl variance as presented with no conditions.*
2. Corey and Angela Sheehan, 44784 Maple Lane. Variance to build detached 40x42 accessory storage 20' closer to (105' from County Rd. 60) county road set back than required. Other areas on the property have been excluded due to drainage, septic, electric and propane locations. The Board reviewed the variance form information, drawings, and aerial maps of the property. *Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Larkin to approve the Sheehan variance as presented with no conditions.*

**Clerk Report:**

Adam's pest control. The town hall and office have an ant infestation. Adam's pest control will treat the areas four times per year for \$75 each time.

**Board Member Reports:**

None.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Citizen Comment:**

None.

Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Fitzwater to adjourn at 7:20 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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Date