



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2022

Board Members Present: Vice-Chair Corey Johnson, Supervisor Jim Thill,
Treasurer Sharon McAndrew, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch

Board Members Absent: Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Others Present: Gary Guse, Road Maintenance,

Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda: Vice Chair Johnson 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 December, most of the time was spent on snow and ice removal and road maintenance.

Gary Guse presented a quote for a new zero turn lawn tractor for maintaining the ground 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 making the out-of-pocket cost \$4100. This has been tabled until the February 2022 meeting when Chair Fitzwater is in attendance.

Motion made Johnson by and seconded by Thill to approve up to 40 hours of labor/machine from S&J Properties to perform land clearing. All ayes; motion passed.

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to approve the purchase and installation of a heated windshield for the International Plow Truck at a cost of \$3776. All ayes; motion passed.

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

Bank Balances as of: 12/31/2022

Checking	\$5,275.98	Broadband Debt. Service	\$100,932.71
Savings (Camb. State)	\$572,676.48	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$53,553.25

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Johnson to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13881 to #13906, for the amount of \$181,559.22, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$182,000 from Savings to Checking. 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:

Marcus Johnson, Civil Engineer, Bolton & Menk. Marcus provided the Board with cost estimates of current costs to pave a road. He also pointed out the cost difference between projects that done with grant funds and projects that are paid 100% by the Town. Typically, it costs more to the Town for a road paving project when grant funding is awarded because the build specifications required by the grant.

Spencer Richards, 46340 Beach Road, Variance to build closer than required setbacks. Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to approve the Richard's variance with no conditions. *All ayes; motion passed*

Clerk Report:

Bruce Fitzwater has filed for Town Supervisor. Filing closes on 1/11/22 at 5:00 pm.

Board Member Reports:

The Board attended the December 2021 Harris City Council meeting to discuss the maintenance of border road Elmcrest Ave. North. The city council was not receptive to an agreement for maintenance, gravel and brushing, citing that they do not have the funds to spend on Elmcrest Road. Fish Lake Township will maintain their section of the road only.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

The Township fence was damaged by a resident motorist and the cost to repair the damage is \$1354.50. An invoice will be sent to the individual for payment.

Citizen Comment:

None.

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date

APPROVED