



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes June 10, 2024

### Board Members and Staff Present

Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Jim Thill, Supervisor Donna Ferguson, Treasurer Corey Johnson, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch, Gary Guse Road Superintendent

### 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 Township Office at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. Motion made Thill by and seconded by Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

### Road Report

Gary Guse presented the road report and updated the Board on projects that have been completed and in process from the last month and projects planned for the upcoming month.

### Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

#### Bank Balances as of: May 31, 2024

Checking	\$10,207.36	Broadband Debt. Service	\$35,337.48
Savings (Camb. State)	\$661,306.76	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$19,482.39

*Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to accept the Treasurer's report, approve expenses of \$25,807.62, authorize the outstanding bills to be paid, and authorize the transfer of \$90,000 from Savings to Checking account. Approved unanimously.*

### Minutes

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting. Approved unanimously.

### Schedule Appointments

Commissioner Dan Dahlberg was present to check-in with the Board and present an update on current issues at the county. Right now, the biggest project is updating zoning ordinances.

### Clerk Report

1. Township clean-up day is June 15, 2024, a postcard flyer was mailed to all of the households in the Township.
2. Stark Summer Stroll Parade: Township will throw candy and goodies.

3. MCIT (Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust) Chair Fitzwater asked to see more information on what MCIT has to offer. MCIT offers townships, cities and counties property and casualty insurance, workers comp coverage, training and education, and risk management control services. Chair Fitzwater asked the clerk to reach out to MCIT for a quote on the township's insurance needs.
4. Chisago County sent information on updated septic system grants. Grants are available on a first come first serve basis. Chisago County Census Tract 1102.01 (north of 260<sup>th</sup> St, Rush City) and applications for imminent threat to public health or safety and are prioritized. More information can be obtained by contacting Environmental Services at Chisago County.
5. **Resolution 2024-05 Governing Write-In Vote Counting.** This resolution states that a written request must be made by the candidate to in order to have their write-in votes individually recorded by election officials. **Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2024-05 Governing Write-In Vote Counting. Approved unanimously.**

### Board Member Reports

1. **Health Insurance Benefit Amount.** The board reviewed Gary Guse's request to raise the cap on health, dental, and life insurance premiums due to this year's premium increase, which would result in out-of-pocket expenses for him. After discussion, the board decided to raise the premium cap from \$750 to \$800 per month, and this matter will only be reconsidered during the annual reviews. **Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Thill to cap health insurance premiums at \$800 per month and to revisit each year during employee review period. Approved unanimously.**
2. **Hall Rentals by Non-Profits:** The board discussed the increased usage of the hall by non-profits and decided that, effective immediately, there will be a \$75 rental fee for non-profit groups to use the hall. **Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Fitzwater to charge a reduced rate of \$75 for hall rentals to Non-Profit groups effective immediately. Approved unanimously.**

### Old Business

None.

### New Business

1. Chair Fitzwater reported that he has been unsuccessful in trying to connect with Nessel Township regarding an overlay project for Blue Heron Trail. He will send his information to the clerk to make contact with Nessel Township.

### Citizen Comment

None.

**Motion made by Thill and Seconded by Fitzwater to reconvene on June 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a road tour. Approved unanimously.**

June 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Fitzwater, Supervisors Thill and Ferguson along with Gary Guse performed an on-site road tour.

**Adjourn**

*Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Approved unanimously.*

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Bruce Fitzwater, Chair	Date	Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk	Date
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