



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes April 10, 2023

Board Members Present: Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Jim Thill, Donna Ferguson,  
Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch

Board Members Absent: Treasurer Sharon McAndrew

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 Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

**Gravel Quotes:** Gravel quotes received were opened and read aloud. Two quotes were received: Keller Excavating \$29.87/yd. and Bjorkland Trucking \$16.05/yd. Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to accept the gravel quote from Bjorkland Trucking for \$16.05/yd. All ayes; motion passed.

**Road Report:** Gary Guse presented the road report. In the month of March, most of the time was spent on plowing and ice control.

**Grader Tires:** The Board approved the purchase of two grader tires for a total of \$3190.40 and six tires for the Ford F-450 for a total of \$1,786.44.

**Culverts on North Pine and Anchor Ave.** The Board approved spending \$20,000 for culvert replacements, \$15,000 to sub-cut 650' section on North Pine Lake Road; \$65,000 to sub-cut 2000' section on Anchor Avenue

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

### Bank Balances as of: March 31, 2023

Checking	\$7,554.99	Broadband Debt. Service	\$18,954.22
Savings (Camb. State)	\$759,077.49	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$25,141.17

*Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #14261 to #14290, for the amount of \$40,029.56, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$40,000 from Savings to Checking. All ayes; motion passed.*

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

### Appointments:

1. Liquor License Renewals:

- a. **Northfolk Winery.** Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2023-03 granting the liquor license renewal for Stark Wines, dba Northfolk Winery. All ayes; motion passed.
- b. **The Full Moon.** Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2023-05 granting the liquor license renewal for DRK, Inc., dba The Full Moon Bar. All ayes; motion passed.
- c. **The Local Bar and Lounge** attended the reconvened meeting.

2. **Kerry Konrad – 43458 Cedarcrest Trail,** Rezone property from RVC to Ag. Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve the rezoning from RCV to Agricultural for 43458 Cedarcrest Trail. All ayes; motion passed.

**Clerk Report:**

1. Local Board of Appeal Meeting Wed. 4/19/2023 at 6:00 pm
2. Set Chair and Vice Chair for 2023 – Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to appoint Fitzwater as chair and Thill as Vice Chair. All ayes, motion passed.
3. **Adopt Regular Meeting Schedule for 2023 – 2nd Monday at 6:00 pm** Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to set the regular monthly Board Meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 pm. All ayes, motion passed.
4. Approve Resolution 2023-02 Setting Compensation and Reimbursement n of Town Officers
5. Designate supervisor to fill duties
6. Summer Office Hours – The Township office will be closed from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
7. Out of Office on 4/27 – Clerk will be out of office on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>
8. Annual Report to State Auditor completed and submitted
9. S&P Rating interview completed

**Board Member Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

1. **Annual Donations from Township (\$2000)** – Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to donate \$500 each to Chisago Age Well, Chisago County Agricultural Society (Fairgrounds), Chisago County Historical Society, and Let's Go Fishing. All ayes, motion passed.
2. **Couri & Ruppe Twp. Legal Seminar** 2023 dates: Saturday 6/1, 9/16, 9/30, 10/7 (various locations)-The Board members plan to attend one of these meetings.
3. **ARPA Guidelines** – Discussion of ARPA Revenue expenditure. According to the updated Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Final Rule it states that the funds can be used for It is the opinion of the Township Engineer that the new ARPA guidelines the standard allowance revenue replacement allows for the boarder category of government services.
4. **Equipment Values and Replacement** – The Board was provided with an equipment list that included values and maintenance costs for the life of the equipment. There was discussion on replacing either the 2007 International Dump Truck or the 2010 CAT Grader. The Board will review further before any decisions are made.
5. **Grant opportunity.** Safe Street and Roads for All Grant Program (Bolton & Menk)
6. **MAT District 7 Lobbying Day** – April 18<sup>th</sup> 12-4 pm (FYI to Board)

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to reconvene at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 17, 2023 to perform a road tour. All in favor, motion carried.

## Monday, April 17, 2023

Chair Fitzwater called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2023-03 granting the liquor license renewal for The Local Lounge and Bar. All in favor; motion carried.

The Board then conducted a Spring Road tour.

**Time Clock.** Discussion of the use of the time clock took place and was agreed that seasonal snow plow operators may track their time manually and not need a user subscription to the time clock.

**Wages** were also discussed for the hourly rate for Plow Drivers to be at \$30/hr., Non-CDL Maintenance workers to be at \$22/hr., and General Laborers at \$20/hr. The clerk is to prepare a resolution to set these rates for the May meeting.

**Citizen Comment:** None.

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

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Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

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Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date

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