



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes November 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 October, most of the time was spent on grading, road and equipment maintenance.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to add strobe lights to equipment for \$3132.04 from Northern Safety Technology. All ayes, motion passed.

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

Bank Balances as of: 10/31/2022			
Checking	\$10,669.62	Broadband Debt. Service	\$59,659.44
Savings (Camb. State)	\$678,972.89	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$41,224.39

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #14133 to #14168, for the amount of \$165,278.51, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$161,000 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: *Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Fitzwater to move scheduled appointments to 6:30 pm. All ayes; motion passed*

1. Matthew Krousey – 2785 Stark Road, Obtain CUP for rural tourism for annual pottery tour, sales, showroom plus a new 18'x30' flex-space attached to detached garage. Statement from Matthew Krousey detailing the request.

Narrative for CUP Rural Retail Tourism

Property:

2785 Stark Road is a residence zoned Agriculture on 26 acres with a Pottery Studio attached to the home, a 24' x 37' detached garage used for storage, a 10' x 20' shed, and a 17.6 Kw solar array. I live in the residence with my wife and daughter. I am a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and a full time potter who hosts two annual pottery events open to the public, the St Croix Valley Pottery Tour and a Fall Sale. Below is a description of the current and intended uses for the property under the CUP Rural Retail Tourism.

Detached Garage:

The 24' x 37' detached garage structure is currently used only for storage. There is a 150 sq ft room which in the future I intend to use as a showroom to display my work for sale, open to the public during my two sales and by appointment only the rest of the year. Related to this CUP application, I will be building an addition onto the detached garage that would be used primarily for storage but also as possible flex space for my sales (display or checkout area). This addition would be a 18' wide enclosure running the length of the building on the North side with a 20' setback from the East boundary of my property line. It will have a garage door on the west side for access along with steel siding and roof and be built by Mark Kissner Construction, LLC.

St Croix Valley Pottery Tour:

This is an annual pottery event occurring Friday thru Sunday of Mother's Day weekend. The hours are Friday and Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. My studio is one of eight studios in Chisago County that work together to put on the event.

Fall Sale

This pottery sale happens over a weekend (Friday-Sunday) in early October each year and the set-up is similar to the Pottery Tour only on a smaller scale. The hours are Friday 12-6, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday 10-4. I have about half the number of people helping (6 family/friends) and less guest potters (3-4 potters). Tents and portable toilets are again rented from Isanti Rental.

CUP Rural Retail Tourism details:

- Two Annual Pottery Events open to the public.
- Showroom by appointment only, except open to the public during the two pottery sale events.
- Studio by appointment only (a couple demonstrations per year per school/church group requests)

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Thill to approve the C.U.P. for Matthew Krousey. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Chad and Kari Rohman – XXX Andee Ave. IP To build a 34'x90' Pole Building for personal storage in spring of 2023 and build a house in the future. **Motion** made Thill and seconded by Johnsonl to approve the I.U.P. for Chad Rohman. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Donna Nieman – 44811 Bending Ave, Property in ROW – Did not attend meeting.

Clerk Report:

Clerk updated the Board on the recent General Election, shortage of ballots ordered by the County Auditor, but everyone had the opportunity to vote and no one was turned away.

Board Member Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Citizen Comment: None

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date