



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes April 12, 2021

Board Members Present: Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Corey Johnson (via remote video), 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 Fitzwater 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 March 2021, most of the time was spent on road maintenance, equipment maintenance and grading with the nice weather that was had. The Board reviewed estimates for 2021 blacktop road maintenance work.

Motion made by Fitzwater and Seconded by Thill to accept the proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for \$22,500 to Crack Seal: Dapple Court, Cedarcrest Court, Cedarbridge Ct, Blue Heron Trail, 482nd St, Anchor Ave, Brunswick Road, Skogman Lake Rd, Flex Patch: 454th St. Ct and Bending Ave. Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries.

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the proposal from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers to GSB Friction Seal 424th Street/Afton Ave for \$29,331.20. Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries.

Motion made by Thill and seconded Johnson by to accept the proposal from Knife River to perform a leveling course with overlay for \$52,317.50 on 454th St. Court, Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to award the project to lower of either North Valley or Kinfe River to tear out and repave the cul-de-sac on Ceadrbridge Court for a maximum of \$22,331.06. Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries.

A part-time seasonal maintenance worker to mow grass and do grounds work is needed this year. The Board approved offering employment to Carson Kline at \$15/hr. to perform grounds and parks maintenance, mowing, weed whipping, at town hall, cemetery, and parks. Approval for any other work outside of grounds maintenance is needed from Chair Fitzwater.

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

Bank Balances as of: March 31, 2021

Checking	\$3,418.14	Broadband Debt. Service	\$14,528.99
Savings (Camb. State)	\$388,004.59	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$29,520.45

Motion made by Thill and seconded by ___ to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13677 to #13712, for the amount of \$85,350.00, authorize up to \$400.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$85350.00 from savings to checking and the transfer of \$575 from Broadband to

Checking. All ayes; motion passed

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

Appointments:

Annual Liquor License Renewals: The Full Moon, Local Bar and Lounge and North Folk Winery were present to renew their liquor licenses. The Board spoke with them each about business in the past year and upcoming plans. **Full Moon:** Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve the liquor license for The Full Moon for the upcoming year. Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries. **Local Bar and Lounge:** Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve the liquor license for The Local Bar and Lounge for the upcoming year. Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries. **North Folk Winery:** Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve the liquor license for North Folk Winery for the upcoming year. Fitzwater-Yes, Thill-Yes, Johnson-Yes, motion carries.

Kathy Green-Conditional Use Permit for Camping (Section 10 Township 036 Range 022/Hilding Beach Plat 2, Lot 004, Block 001 Beach Road. The following information was provided by Kathy Green in her CUP Application: *For generations this lot has been used as a family gathering place. Unaware of the current ordinance on camping, Recreational Vehicles were parked on site year-round. After Learning of the Current ordinance, family weekend gatherings would occur and Recreational Vehicles would need to be brought to the site. Therefore, I would like to apply for a Recreational Camping area CUP. Upon approval of a Recreational Camping Area permit there will be:*

- *Four designated camping areas. Each site will consist of 2000 square feet. There will be a minimum of 10 feet between the property line and camp site with at least 10 feet between each Recreational Vehicle.*

- *Recreational Vehicles will be allowed to be parked on the site year-round.*
- *All Recreational Vehicles will be self-contained providing water, sewer and showers for its occupants.*
- *Recreational Vehicle owners will be responsible for obtaining water for their unit and proper drainage of sewer and wastewater. Dump stations are available within 10 miles.*
- *May through October lot owner will arrange weekly garbage and recycling pickup with a local company. Outside of this time frame occupants are responsible for properly disposing of trash and recyclables.*
- *Campfires will only be allowed in an owner provided fire ring. All Recreational Vehicles parked on site will be required to have an operational fire extinguisher. In the event of an emergency 911 will be called.*
- *Outdoor solar powered lights will be placed at the edge of each camping site. Each individual Recreational Vehicle should utilize the vehicles equipped outside lighting to light the entrance to Recreational Vehicle.*
- *Although, campsites would be available for use and/or storage year-round, snow plow service will not be provided by owner.*
- *Campsites and surrounding lot will be mowed weekly or as needed. Trees, bushes or shrubs will be trimmed on an as needed basis. Additional trees/shrubs will be added to property lines for additional privacy.*
- *No new road construction or improvements should be needed. Driveway culvert will be inspected and replaced/updated if needed. No additional traffic is anticipated.*
- *This being a family/private recreational camping area there will be no fees charged or bookkeeping needed.*
- *Family members will be responsible to keep camping area in clean and operational manor.*

The Town Board reviewed the information provided and did not have any concerns with the application from the property owners. Supervisor Thill also viewed the property in question today and did not have any concerns. They also would prefer that the campers stay in place on the lot as much as possible rather than haul them in and out creating more traffic on the road.

Clerk Report:

Annual Reorganization Items:

Select board chair and vice-chair. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to continue with Bruce Fitzwater as Chair and Corey Johnson as Vice-Chair. All ayes; motion passed.*

Adopt schedule of the board's regular meetings. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Johnson to adopt the following schedule for regular monthly board meetings for the second Monday of the month beginning at 6:00 pm. All*

ayes; motion passed.

The town board of Fish Lake Township, Chisago County, Minnesota holds its regularly scheduled board meetings on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the town hall located at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN 55032

A quorum of the town board may also attend:

Township Planning Commission meetings (7:00 p.m. 3rd Thursday of the month);

Board of Commissioners (6:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month);

CCATO meetings (7:00 p.m. last Wednesday of the month)

Other meetings conducted by outside organizations relating to Township issues, such as educational training.

If the date of a regular meeting falls on a holiday or conflicts with an election, the meeting will be held in the following week on the same day, time, and place. If a regular town board meeting must be held at a different date, time, or place than indicated, or if the town board decides to hold a special board meeting, notice of the meeting will be posted at the following public posting place[s] designated by the town board: The Office Door.

The following are the dates on which the regular board meetings are scheduled to occur in the upcoming year and reflect any changes due to conflicts:

MONTH MEETING DAY(S) 2021-2022

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13

October 11

November 8

December 13

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11

If a regular meeting cannot be held on the date, time, or place listed above, notice of the date, time, and place of when and where the meeting will be held will be posted at least three days before the day of the meeting on Entry Door to the Office located at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN

A copy of this schedule shall be kept on file at the town's primary office where its records are kept.

Designate supervisor to fill duties. Chair and Vice Chair to stay the same.

Annual Town Financial Report. The annual financial report will be submitted last month to the State Auditor

Designate the official newspaper (Resolution 2016-4 In effect until changed). The official newspaper for legal notifications remains unchanged and is the Cambridge Star.

Designate Posting Place (Resolution 2016-5 In effect until changed). The designated posting place remains unchanged and is on the Township Office Door.

Designate bank(s) as the town depository. Motion made by Fitzwater and Seconded by Thill to approve 2021-05 Resolution Designating Cambridge State Bank as the town depositories. *All ayes; motion passed.*

Designate supervisor to fill duties. *Chair Fitzwater to fill the duties of Road Supervisor. All ayes; motion passed.*

Board Member Reports:

None.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Annual Donations: *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to donate \$650 to Chisago County Historical Society, Let's Go Fishing and \$700 Chisago County Sr. Center. All ayes; motion passed.*

Citizen Comment:

None.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date

APPROVED