



Fish Lake Township

2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
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Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2023

Board Members Present

Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Vice-Chair Jim Thill, Supervisor Donna Ferguson, 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 Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

Road Report

Gary Guse presented the road report.

Gravel vs. Blacktop. Gary, the road superintendent, had a discussion with the township board members regarding the potential blacktopping of heavily traveled roads instead of maintaining them as gravel. During the conversation, Marcus from Bolton and Menk engineering firm presented a cost comparison to aid the decision-making process.

Several potential payment options were discussed to cover the black-topping project. The options included assessing the surrounding residents, obtaining a bond, or increasing the levy to generate the required funds.

In addition to the financial considerations, the board members recognized the need to establish criteria for selecting roads to be blacktopped. These criteria would help ensure that future decisions regarding road upgrades are made based on objective factors.

Given the complexity of the matter and the need for further deliberation, it was agreed that the topic should be addressed in a separate meeting in the future. This will allow everyone involved to have sufficient time to gather more information and perspectives before reaching a final decision.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer’s report.

Bank Balances as of: June 30, 2023

Checking	\$4,223.09	Broadband Debt. Service	\$18,956.58
Savings (Camb. State)	\$657,859.85	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$25,147.45

Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the Treasurer’s Report, approve payment of check #14315 to #14327 and 14353 to 14366, for the amount of \$126,832.21, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$300,000 from checking to savings; \$3972.233 from checking to Anchor Ave. savings; \$9633.50 from checking to Anchor Ave. savings; \$26,575.43 from checking to savings and the transfer of \$58,539.74 from checking to broadband savings. Approved unanimously.

Minutes

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to approve the minutes of the previous month’s meeting. All ayes; motion passed.

Schedule Appointments

Make Properties, LLC – Preliminary plat of two lots from one 19.3 tract. Make Properties requested a parcel split and a lot line change to allow the adjacent property owner, to build an accessory storage structure within the lot line setbacks. They presented a preliminary plat for Board review. Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve the preliminary plat as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

Clerk Report

Election Law Updates. The Board was provided information on the newly passed election laws, including subsidiary funds that will trickle down from the state to the counties to the cities and townships as well as new advertising and voting time requirements.

The Board was reminded that the annual insurance review is scheduled for the August meeting.

Board Member Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to approve sending an invoice of \$200 to North Branch Township for Brushing on border roads. All ayes; motion passed.

Citizen Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Approved unanimously.

_____ Bruce Fitzwater, Chair	_____ Date	_____ Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk	_____ Date
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APPROVED



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Emergency Town Board Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2023

Board Members Present

Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Supervisor Donna Ferguson, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch

Board Members Absent

Vice-Chair Jim Thill, Treasurer Sharon McAndrew,

Others Present:

Loghan Croal

Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Fitzwater called the Emergency Fish Lake Town Board meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Town Hall at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN.

An emergency township meeting was convened due to the unexpected resignation of a part-time employee, leaving the workforce shorthanded in the midst of an ongoing project that necessitates a team of four employees. The urgency to fill this position promptly arises from the realization that halting the project at this juncture would result in significant cost inefficiencies. Following an interview, Loghan Croal was identified as a suitable candidate and has been selected for the vacant position.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Ferguson to hire Loghan Croal as a general maintenance worker at the rate of \$22 per hour. Motion carries unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date