



Town Board Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

Board and Staff Members 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.

Cambridge Drive Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement: The property owners at 46649 Cambridge Drive requested approval to place septic tanks within the Township road right-of-way due to lot size and site constraints that prevent placement elsewhere on the property.

The Township Attorney prepared an Encroachment Agreement addressing the placement of the septic tanks within the road right-of-way. The Board reviewed and approved the agreement. The agreement will be executed by all required parties and recorded with the County Recorder.

Ordinance No. 6 Right-of-Way Management Amendment: At the Board's previous direction, the Clerk contacted the Township Attorney to review Ordinance No. 6 and determine whether revisions were appropriate to address the placement of fiber optic and other utility lines within the Township road right-of-way.

The Township Attorney reviewed the ordinance and related documents and recommended adding the following special provision to the application materials

21. All utilities installed within the road shall be located as close to the edge of the right-of-way as possible. For example, for a 66-foot road right-of-way, utilities shall be located approximately 31 to 33 feet from the centerline (on the backslope). For utilities that are not correctly located, the Permittee agrees that it shall be responsible for any damage to said utilities caused by the Township and for any costs incurred by the Township.



The Board reviewed the proposed additional provision and approved its inclusion in the application for Ordinance No. 6 Right-of-Way Management.

Blue Heron Trail Damage: At the previous Board meeting, Gary reported that he had spoken with the property owner on Blue Heron Trail regarding damage to the Township road caused by the property owner's equipment. The property owner acknowledged responsibility for the damage and agreed to reimburse the Township for the actual cost of the repairs.

The repairs have since been completed. The damage was determined to be significantly less extensive than originally anticipated, with the repair taking approximately 15 minutes and requiring a minimal amount of material. The Board noted that the damage was not caused negligently and, due to the minimal time and cost associated with the repair, determined that the Township will not seek reimbursement from the property owner.

Grader Rake Attachment: At the previous Board meeting, Gary proposed fabricating a rake attachment for the front of the Township grader to improve the removal of clumps, debris, and leaves during road maintenance in house to save approximately \$2,000. Gary reported that the grader rake attachment should be completed within the next month.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Bank Balances as of: July 31, 2026

Checking	\$40,476.30	Broadband	\$169,798.72
Savings	\$867,419.14	Anchor Ave	\$41,109.08

Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Thill to accept the Treasurer's report approve bills for \$60,654.78, and the current month's payroll of \$ 12,738.18 and transfer funds between the following bank accounts: \$50,000 from Savings to Checking. Approved unanimously.

Minutes

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

Schedule Appointments

None

Clerk Report

None



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Board Member Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Citizen Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date