



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2026

Board Members and Staff Present

Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Supervisor Donna Ferguson, Treasurer Corey Johnson, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch, Gary Guse Road Superintendent

Absent: Vice-Chair Jim Thill,

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 Ferguson by and seconded by Fitzwater 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.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Bank Balances as of: 12/31/2025

Checking	\$20,335.01	Broadband Debt. Service	\$54,013.94
Savings (Camb. State)	\$987,174.70	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$18,912.39

Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the Treasurer's report approve bills for \$298,535.59, and the current month's payroll of \$ 19,530.75 and transfer funds between the following bank accounts: \$240,000 from Checking to Savings. Approved unanimously.

Minutes

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

Schedule Appointments

Jim Kubitschek was scheduled to seek a variance to install a well within the right of way but did not appear.

Clerk Report

Polling Place Accessibility Grant Application and Award

Clerk Nekowitsch reported that Fish Lake Township submitted an application for a Polling Place Accessibility Grant through the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State Elections Division in the amount of \$20,000.00. The application requested funding for a first priority project to improve accessibility at the Town Hall polling place, including installation of an automatic door at the primary entrance and construction of a concrete ramp at the rear exit of the polling place.

The Clerk further reported that the township received a Grant Award Letter dated 2025 indicating the application was reviewed and approved for a prorated grant award in the amount of \$9,868.69 which is less than half of the estimated project costs. The letter stated that applications for first priority projects exceeded the total grant funds appropriated by the legislature and therefore all first priority awards were prorated. No second priority projects were funded. No adjustments were made to the eligible expenses submitted by the township.

The Clerk noted that grant contracts are being prepared by the Elections Division and will be sent via email for signature in the coming weeks.

Board Member Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Citizen Comment

None

Adjourn

Motion made by _____ and seconded by _____ to adjourn at _____ p.m. Approved unanimously.

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