



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026

Board Members and Staff 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 Fitzwater to approve the agenda as presented. Approved unanimously.

2026 Gravel Quotes. The township initiated a formal quoting process for the procurement of gravel and hauling services. A public notice detailing the specifications and requirements for the project, was published in the legal notices section of “*The County Star*” the township's designated newspaper. This advertisement specifically solicited sealed quotes for the delivery and placement of up to 7,000 cubic yards of gravel.

The sealed quotes received in response to the advertisement were opened and the submitted prices were read aloud. One quote was received: Bjorkland Trucking: Submitted a bid of \$18.27 per cubic yard. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Ferguson to approve the quote from Bjorkland Trucking for \$18.27 per yard. All in favor, motion carried.*

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.

430th Street Paving Project. Marcus Johnson with Bolton and Menk Engineering was present to discuss. Final design is completed. Next phase is to put out for bids. Does the township want to Pave all in one year. If we shape one year and pave another year it will be more expensive. The board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of doing it all in one year or over two years. Having the road settle and pack over one year before paving is preferred and then the dirt work can be done and the paving can be done in conjunction with the County Road 10 road project to save money. Culverts in 2026. 2026 Dirt work to be done is superelevation, in slope, culvert, Sub-cutting and ditching done in 2026. Ine contract for dirt work and one contract for final shaping. The project will be a combination of 3 to 1 and 4 to 1 slopes with wetland areas at the 3 to 1 slope. Marcus will create a contract to get quotes for dirt work, and the quote specs will go out after the wetland delineation is completed.

Developer’s Agreement. Marcus reviewed the current developer’s agreement and ordinances we have active on file and made recommendations: to allow for a 7 ton instead of a 9 ton if possible and remove

the stipulation to have to continue to pave existing roads out to a main road. Stipulation that all existing roads are being used responsibly and not ruining the road by the township keeping a close eye on it and taking photos and regular inspections.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Bank Balances as of: February 28, 2026

Checking	\$102,371.23	Broadband Debt. Service	\$118,026.87
Savings (Camb. State)	\$603,964.20	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$33,606.74

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to accept the Treasurer's report, approve bills for \$80,125.00 and the current month's payroll of \$10,655.35. Approved unanimously.

Minutes

Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Thill to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Schedule Appointments

None

Clerk Report

2026 Annual Meeting and Election. The clerk reminded the Board of the Township's Annual Election and Annual Meeting to be held on 3/10/2026. Election hours are from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. Annual meeting commences at 8:05 pm.

Snowplow Simulator. Bruce Lind from Chisago County sent an informational flyer from MN LTAP that is offering a snow-plow simulator training class at the cost of \$125/per person but needs a large outdoor space to hold it

Couri & Ruppe Legal Seminar. Attorneys Couri and Ruppe are holding a township legal seminar that the township wants to participate in when they hold their seminar in Rutledge on October 3, 2026.

Board Member Reports

None.

Old Business

None

New Business

Citizen Comment

Cindy Carlson asked if the township has heard about the sale of North Folk Winery. We have only heard that there may be a purchase in the works but do not have any specific information known to be true.

Brian Fairbanks was present to discuss the 430th project to confirm that existing accesses will be replaced. The Township confirmed that all exiting private driveway and field entrances will be replaced if they are disturbed during the project. Since there will be work going on the road the township agreed to add a 30' culvert and gravel to Brian Fairbanks property for a total of \$1600 (\$1250 for the culvert and \$350 for gravel). This is a benefit to the township as well that this install is being done at the same time as the project.

Adjourn

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair	Date	Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk	Date
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