



Fish Lake Township

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Town Board Meeting Minutes August 12, 2024

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 Ferguson to amend the agenda to add Bill Fischer from Bouer Trucks to the Road Report. 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.

Bill Fischer from Boyer Trucks informed the Board that due to a supplier shortage; the heated windshield could not be installed in the new 2025 Western Plow Truck. The Township has been credited for the cost of the windshield. Further research will be conducted to find an alternative aftermarket option, and the manufacturer will be contacted regarding the delays.

The Board has decided to send a letter to the property owner of 45900 Cambridge Way, requesting that they address the issue of the concrete driveway. The driveway, which is situated within the road right of way, is elevated above the road and could potentially cause damage or pose a safety hazard. The Board is asking the property owner to either cut the driveway back 3 feet out of the right of way, or the township will need to raise the road to match the height of the driveway, with the cost to be borne by the property owner.

The Mayor of Harris attended the meeting to discuss an agreement for the maintenance of a border road. The Mayor presented a draft agreement, and after discussion, it was decided to add a gravel schedule and replace a centerline pipe. The Mayor will bring these updates to his city council for their input. Following this, the Mayor inquired if the Township would consider contracting with the Harris Fire Department for fire and EMT services.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Bank Balances as of: July 31, 2024

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| Checking | \$28,478.72 | Broadband Debt. Service | \$95,036.50 |
| Savings (Camb. State) | \$949,955.42 | Anchor Ave. Debt Service | \$32,621.58 |

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to accept the Treasurer's report approve expenses of \$201,666.10, authorize outstanding bills presented to be paid and authorize the transfer of \$202,000 from Savings to Checking. Approved unanimously.

Minutes

Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Thill to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2024 meeting. Approved unanimously.

Schedule Appointments

None

Clerk Report

Clerk Nekowitsch reminded the Board of the District 8 meeting on August 20th. The Clerk reminded the Board that the Primary election is tomorrow, and everything is set up and ready. She also noted a significant difference in the number of Democrat and Republican Election Judges. Although the party balance is maintained, she expressed a desire to have more Democrat Election Judges.

Board Member Reports

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Citizen Comment

Dave Grabenbauer addressed the Board regarding a letter he received requesting the removal of the rocks around his mailbox post, as requested by the Township. There was a discussion about the plowing equipment and how the rocks could cause potential issues. An amicable resolution was reached that satisfied both parties.

Resident Mike Gibson attended the meeting to personally thank the Board for addressing his concerns, visiting his property, and working together to reach a resolution and agreement.

Adjourn

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Approved unanimously.

Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date