



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes February 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.

### 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.

### Sale of Grader Wing and Stand

The Town Board determined that the grader wing and grader wing stand are no longer needed for township purposes and are considered surplus equipment. Under Minnesota township practice, personal property may be sold directly to another governmental entity without public notice or advertising. All sales shall be conducted as a cash sale, as is, with no warranty, to protect the township from future claims or liability.

Motion made by Fitzwater, seconded by Thill, to authorize the sale of the township grader wing and stand to Schaefer Township for the amount of \$8,500. The sale shall be for cash, sold as is, with no warranty expressed or implied. The Town Board authorizes the Clerk and Road Supervisor to complete the sale and execute any necessary documentation. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Developer Agreement/New Lot Fees

The Board will research and evaluate permissible methods for recovering road impact related costs attributable to future residential development.

### Part-time Summer Help

Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to hire Mason Cochran as part-time temporary summer help to cut grass and maintain the township and cemetery grounds and light maintenance around the shop at \$15/hr. All in favor. Motion carried.

### Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

### Bank Balances as of: January 31, 2026

Checking	\$138,186.46	Broadband Debt. Service	\$115,986.28
Savings (Camb. State)	\$553,380.28	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$33,255.43

*Motion made by Thill and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the Treasurer's report, approve bills for \$26,970.80 and the current month's payroll of \$11,262.46 and transfer funds between the following bank accounts: \$2040.59 from Checking to Broadband Savings; \$137.80 from Checking to Anchor Ave. Savings; \$187.84 from Checking to Anchor Ave. Savings; \$50,000 from Checking to Savings. Approved unanimously.*

### Annual Board of Audit.

The Town Board convened as the Board of Audit. The Town Board reviewed the Township financial records as required for the Annual Board of Audit pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 367.36.

The Board has examined the Clerk's and Treasurer's records including income and expense reports, bank statements, and reconciliations.

After reviewing and examination of the financial records and bank reconciliations, the Town Board completed the Annual Board of Audit and found the accounts to be in order.

*Motion by Supervisor Ferguson, seconded by Supervisor Thill, to certify completion of the Annual Board of Audit and accept the Treasurer's Annual Report. Motion carried.*

### Minutes

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

### Schedule Appointments

None

### Clerk Report

1. The Board reviewed the Polling Place Grant Agreement provided through the Minnesota Secretary of State for improvements to the township polling location. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill, to approve Resolution 2026-01 Accepting Polling Place Grant Agreement.*
2. The Board approved the list of proposed election judges provided by the Clerk to serve for elections during the 2026 through 2027 term, as required under Minnesota election law. *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Ferguson to approve Resolution 2026-02 Appointing Election Judges for 2026-2027*
3. The Clerk reminded the Board of the Local Board of Appeal Meeting is Wednesday April 15, 2026, 6:00 PM.

## Board Member Reports

Cambridge Fire Department meeting on Thursday 2/19 at 6 PM

### Old Business

None

### New Business

**2027 Budget Planning.** The Board reviewed township revenues, expenditures, and anticipated needs for 2027 and prepared a proposed 2027 budget to be presented at the Annual Township Meeting on March 10, 2026, for consideration and approval by the electors.

### Citizen Comment

### Adjourn

*Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Approved unanimously.*

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Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

Date

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Date