



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025

### 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 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.

**Cedarcrest Lane/aka Evelyn Addition.** The survey for the legal description is nearly complete and the next step of setting a hearing date will be set during the August 11, 2025 meeting.

**Goose Lake Narrows Bridge.** Potential grant funds may be available for the replacement of Goose Lake Narrows Bridge. Although it currently does not meet state standards for replacement, it ranks eighth on the priority list. The traffic count taken in the last month shows an average of 175 cars per day. The township is moving forward with applying for a grant to replace the bridge.

**430<sup>th</sup> Paving Project.** The road cannot be reshaped without disturbing the wetlands and there are potential safety concerns with the current road design and deep ditches and slopes and they will be more of a concern once paved. The state will be contacted to pursue a wetland replacement credit. The road is designed at 45 mph. All other design standards are being met. The board agreed to pursue the wetland credits with the county and the state. This issue will add time to the project and construction would be in 2026. After the wetland issue is taken care of and finals are completed the project can go out for bids this winter. Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to increase the engineering expense of an additional \$15,000. Approved unanimously.

**Dayton Ave. field approach.** The board discussed the field approach on Dayton Ave. and determined that the property owner needs to have a culvert installed.

**Chipsealing Bending Ave. and Skogman Lake Road** need to be chip sealed because there are a lot of cracking. This is a project that was not anticipated for this year. Bending \$18,000; Skogman Lake Road \$24,500. The board requested more quotes for the project and to view the roads in question.

## Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

### Bank Balances as of: June 30, 2025

Checking	\$5,485.45	Broadband Debt. Service	\$6,974.50
Savings (Camb. State)	\$470,204.19	Anchor Ave. Debt Service	\$6,593.14

*Motion made by Ferguson and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, approve bills for the amount of 90,268.37, EFTs of \$2,319.94 and the current month's payroll of \$19,175.52 and authorize the transfer of \$460,000 from Checking to Savings; \$58,831.48 from Checking to Broadband, \$13,054.91 from Checking to Anchor; \$12,045.00 from Broadband to Checking and \$812.50 from Anchor to Checking account. Approved unanimously.*

## 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

A thank you from New Pathways was received for the donation from the township. The Township was notified that there is a recall on the Western Star truck and Western Star will fix the issue on site to fix the recall issue.

## Board Member Reports

None

## Old Business

None

## New Business

Benefits for Gary Guse

## Citizen Comment

## Adjourn

*Motion made by Thill and seconded by Ferguson to reconvene on Tuesday 7/22/2025 at 5:00 pm. To conduct road tour and any unfinished agenda items. Approved unanimously.*

# Tuesday, July 22, 2025

The meeting was reconvened at 5:00 pm. Those in attendance were: Bruce Fitzwater, Jim Thill, Donna Ferguson and Gary Guse.

Bending Ave. was reviewed for crack sealing; however, it was decided not to proceed at this time.

It was also noted that a culvert is needed at 44820 Bending Ave., with the two neighboring property owners agreeing to split the cost at \$1,000 each.

430th St. and Anchor Ave. were also inspected.

Pay and benefits for Gary Guse were discussed, with no changes made.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Thill to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

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Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

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Date

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Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

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Date