

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
January 14, 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting

Township Officials Present: Bob Carter, Chair
Bob Cupit, Supervisor
Tim O'Keefe, Supervisor
Sharon McAndrew, Treasurer
Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Township Officials Absent: None

Clerk Nekowitsch convened the meeting at 7:05 PM in absence of Chair Carter.

Supervisor Cupit nominates Supervisor O'Keefe to chair the meeting until Chair Carter returns from a meeting with the Rush City Fire Department, Supervisor O'Keefe accepts. Motion passed.

Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the agenda as presented, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

Road Report

2008 1-Ton. The new 1-Ton is ready to be picked up. Because of past mechanical issues, the Board will ask \$2,500 for the 1988 1-Ton. Gary has had two residents approach him about purchasing the 1988 1-Ton. The purchaser of the 1988 1-Ton will be made fully aware of all mechanical issues. Supervisor Cupit moved to sell the 1988 Ford 1-Ton for \$2500 or highest bid, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

CAT Grader. CAT has come out with a new model of grader. They are selling the previous models at a discount. Currently there are five 2007 models of the previous style "H", the same model that the Township currently owns. To upgrade the Townships Grader to a 2007 would be \$211,000 with \$121,500 trade-in value on the current grader for a net cost of \$89,500. CAT is offering a 7 year loan at 6.25% and a 7 year warranty. The Board will consider this offer and revisit the issue at the February meeting

Chair Carter entered the meeting (7:45PM). Supervisor O'Keefe moved for Chair Carter to Chair the duration of the meeting, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor.

Gary informed the Board that the pup trailer is in need of brakes. Chair Carter moved to replace the brakes on the pup trailer, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor. Gary also informed the board that a trailer tire needs to be replaced at approximately \$150.

Scheduled Appointments

None.

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Treasurers Report

Driveway Fund	\$ 8,020.49	Savings	\$ 107,926.50
Equipment Fund	\$10,640.99	Checking	\$ 15,855.78
Blacktop Fund	\$57,895.32	Bills	\$ 84,146.81
Receipts	\$1,411.20	SSD	\$ 77,312.22

Chair Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9384 to #9424 for the amount of \$84,146.81, authorize 6 extra checks for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and the transfer of \$62,000.00 from Savings to Checking and the transfer of \$9,056.53 from SSD to Checking, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

The Board discussed using the proceeds of the sale of the 1989 Dump Truck to pay on the loan for the 1994 dump truck.

The Board discussed the financing of the 2008 1-Ton. Ford and Chrysler will send invoices this month and Treasurer will secure a loan after the February meeting.

Clerk Report

The Board reviewed the minutes presented for the December 2007 meeting. Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the minutes as presented, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Board Member Reports

Supervisor O'Keefe stated that he would like to put the question of moving the Township annual election in conjunction with the November elections. This would have to put to a question to the voters on the 2009 ballot.

Old Business

None.

New Business

The Board set Saturday, January 26, 2007 for a budget meeting to begin at 9AM to work on a preliminary 2009 township budget.

Chair Carter spoke to Joe Tripplet and received recent traffic count maps. Chisago County uses a counter that is buried under 2" of gravel. More information on these counters will be investigated.

Supervisor Cupit would like the Board to revisit access to the Town Office by the Supervisors. Clerk Nekowitsch will look into the cost of a fire proof lockable cabinet to store sensitive materials.

Citizen Comment

None.

Supervisor O'Keefe moved to adjourn at 10:40 PM, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.