

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
November 10, 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

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM. All in attendance rose and said the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the agenda, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

Road Report

This winter Gary Guse will be adding teeth to the Piranha Ditch Reclaimer as well as welding areas to strengthen it to get more life out of the Reclaimer.

It was discussed that the Little Horseshoe Lake Access will need some parking perimeters. Supervisor Cupit moved to install post and cable on the north and south side and at least 4 rods from lake where the Township's corner irons are, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. Chair Carter voting no. Motion passes.

Treasurers Report

Blacktop Fund	\$57,895.32	Driveway Fund	\$ 8,178.86
Equipment Fund	\$ 2,096.26	Dahlstorp Cemetery	\$9,250.58
Savings	\$ 64,604.01	Checking	\$ 11,332.04
SSD	\$69,877.96	Receipts	\$ 976.67

Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9688 to #9710 for the amount of \$7,761.97, authorize 5 extra checks for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented. Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor O'Keefe moved approval of the Oct. 2008 minutes as discussed, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Appointments

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ladd along with Mr. and Mrs. Craig Frank were invited to this meeting by a member of the board to discuss a ditch and culvert that was installed within the township's right of way by these residents without prior approval from the township. Neil Ladd attended the meeting. Neither one of the Frank's were present. Chair Carter explained that the Township has driveway specifications relating to the culvert that Mr. Ladd installed and that plastic culverts are not allowed under any circumstances. The original driveway permits did not call for a culvert and there was no ditch that would have necessitated a culvert. The land for this development was a corn field prior to the sale of the property and houses being built. Shortly after the houses

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were built there was a storm in the area that had a heavy rain fall causing rapid snow melt run off and there were some water issues with these homeowners. In the past the homeowners approached the township and expressed that ditches and culverts were necessary. The township disagreed that they did not feel it was necessary and a ditching project did not warrant the expense it would impose.

With the current placement of the culverts and ditch the water will flow from these two properties will flow into Tim O'Keefe's land. Supervisor (Tim) O'Keefe stated that at this time the water shed from these two properties can continue to drain onto the O'Keefe property for the time being.

The Board explained that they do not have fundamental problem with the earthwork and that Mr. Ladd did a nice job. However, the plastic culverts must be replaced with steel culverts and aprons. Mr. Frank did all the work himself and the culverts and equipment were donated by his place of employment. He used the plastic culverts because they were free and was not aware that steel culverts were required.

Supervisor Cupit moved to provide and deliver one 30' culvert and one 40' culvert with aprons for the Ladd and Craig properties to be paid for out of the Prairie Ponds donation account for ditch improvements, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. Mr. Ladd will replace the plastic culverts with the steel. All in Favor.

Supervisor O'Keefe stated for the record that the water issue will need to be addressed in the future.

Clerk Report

Discussed election results and Election Day processes. Clerk Nekowitsch will be on vacation the last two weeks in November.

Board Member Reports

South Amery Ave. has no residents, it was viewed by Supervisor O'Keefe and Gary Guse. The Board will consider making this a minimum maintenance road.

The Board discussed having a residents meeting in January to discuss the levy/budget and possible cutbacks in services.

New Business

The Board was given copies of the current fire contracts to review. Cambridge Fire Department invited the Fish Lake Town Board to their meeting to discuss fire costs for the upcoming year.

Old Business

Bill Feela met with the Board in October 2008 to discuss the Preliminary Plat of Hoiland Wooded Acres. After the meeting he submitted the following statement to the Township. *"To: Bob Carter and all Board members. I talked with the family rep. for Irv Hoiland on the dedicated easement, She said to draw up the paper and sh would have them signed right away. She also agreed to the \$1,000 donation per lot on Blackhawk, to be paid at the time of closing of each lot or sooner if the family is able. Thanks Bill Feela 10-15-08"* (This written statement is filed with the October 2008 minutes.)

Citizen Comment

None.

Supervisor Cupit moved to adjourn at 10:00 PM, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.