

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032  
February 11, 2008 Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Township Officials Absent: Tim O'Keefe

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All in attendance rose and said the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor O'Keefe emailed Clerk Nekowitsch to say that he was sick and would be unable to attend the meeting.

Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the agenda as presented, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Popehn Estates Final Plat.** Ralph Popehn was present at the beginning of the meeting for his appointment at 8:00 PM. The Board decided to review his final plat earlier in the meeting so Mr. Popehn did not have to wait. Mr. Popehn presented the Mylar for Popehn Estates. No changes have been made since the preliminary plat was presented. The Board reviewed the final Mylar and agreed to approve it as presented. Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the final plat of Popehn Estates, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Chair Carter and Clerk Nekowitsch signed the Mylar.

Road Report

In the past month Gary Guse picked up the 2008 1-Ton, serviced the lawn tractor, sanded the township two times, installed new cutting edges on the grader, serviced and installed brakes on the pup trailer, plowed the black top roads where snow had drifted and washed equipment. In the upcoming month Gary will steam frozen culverts. The following roads are in need of gravel: Tucker, Anchor, 440<sup>th</sup>, Maple South, Decker, Amery (North of Cty. 10), Amery (South of North Pine).

Traffic Counters. The Board discussed replacing the traffic counters that were stolen again. Traffic counters that can be buried in the gravel will cost \$4860 and above ground laser counters cost \$6000. The Board will consider the best option since two sets of counters were stolen within 3 months.

Scheduled Appointments

**Goose Valley Final Plat.** Neil Valley presented the Mylar for a parcel split on 470<sup>th</sup>/Cambridge Drive. The Board reviewed the final plat. Chair Carter moved to approve Goose Valley final plat, Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Treasurers Report

<b>Driveway Fund</b>	\$ 8,027.30	<b>Savings</b>	\$ 77,383.55
<b>Equipment Fund</b>	\$10,654.31	<b>Checking</b>	\$ -1,541.09
<b>Blacktop Fund</b>	\$57,895.32	<b>Bills</b>	\$ 19,854.45

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**Receipts**                 \$7,286.52                 **SSD**         \$ 74,720.84

**2008 1-Ton Loan.** Treasurer McAndrew obtained a loan from Cambridge State Bank for the 2008 Ford 1-Ton. The loan term is two years with semi-annual payments of \$10,901.58 each at 6.25% with no pre-payment penalty.

Chair Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9431 to #9454 for the amount of \$19,854.45, authorize 6 extra checks for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and the transfer of \$9,530.86 from SSD Savings and \$7,469.14 from general Savings to Checking. Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Board of Audit.** The Board convened the Board of Audit at 9:00 PM within the regular monthly meeting to review the Clerk and Treasurer Income and expense records from 2007. Chair Carter moved to adjourn the Board of Audit at 9:25 PM, Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**2009 Levy.** The Board reviewed and discussed the 2009 levy to be presented at the March 2008 annual meeting.

**Newsletter Draft.** The Board reviewed and discussed the Spring 2008 Newsletter. Supervisor Cupit added some information to the Newsletter drafted by Chair Carter. Clerk Nekowitsch will format all the final information, add election notice and take it to be printed. The Newsletter will be mailed at the end of February.

#### Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Jan. 14, 2008 regular monthly meeting and the Jan. 26, 2008 budget meeting. Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the Jan. 14, 2008 minutes as presented, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the Jan. 26, 2008 budget meeting minutes as presented, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

#### Clerk Report

Clerk Nekowitsch presented the Board with Resolution 2008-0211 Amending Resolution to Adopt Assessment for Blue Heron Trail. In the original Resolution it was stated that the interest rate that residents would pay was 6.00%, when in fact it should have read 5.5%. This resolution states that the interest rate for residents is 5.5%. The Board reviewed Resolution 2008-0211 and Chair Carter moved to approve, Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Discussion on upgrading lock and handle on exterior hall entry door. The Board will take it under advisement.

A fire proof safe will be purchased for the town office records. However, the safe will be purchased in July 2008 at a cost of approximately \$2500.

All is on schedule for the Annual Meeting and Election.

#### Old Business

Newsletter Draft, see above.

Engineering Firms reviews have been tabled until a future meeting.

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Board Member Reports

Chair Carter presented some information received from Joe Tripler from Chisago County regarding bridge upgrades and federal funding that may be available to the Township for the Goose Lake Narrows Bridge.

Supervisor Cupit moved to adjourn at 10:35 PM, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Approved