

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
March 8, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Supervisor Carter added Joni Call (old business) and The Ebner's Driveway (new business) for discussion. Supervisor Carter moved to approve the agenda as amended, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Four separate gravel crushing and hauling bids were opened and read aloud. Rydberg Construction bid \$14.79/sq. yd. Knife River bid \$14.59/sq. yd. Bjorkland Trucking bid \$10.97/sq. yd. Hass Construction bid \$9.90/sq. yd. Hass Construction had low bid and board requested that Hass provide a more detailed description of the proposal by 4:00 on March 9, 2010 before officially awarding the bid.

Road Report

Gary Guse presented the road report. Gary notified the board that the pup trailer is in need of tires. Supervisor Carter moved to approve the purchase of four recapped tires for the pup trailer, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

The Ebner's purchased a home on 457th Lane (PID 03.00203.00). Currently the driveway is shared with the neighboring property owner. The Ebner's would like to construct a new driveway to access their property from 460th Street. Gary Guse is working with the Ebner's on location. The board viewed the property via GIS.

Appointments

None.

Treasurers Report

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

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| Blacktop Fund | \$92,565.72 | Driveway Fund | \$ 572.10 |
| Equipment Fund | \$23,125.12 | Dahlstorp Cemetery | \$9,261.74 |
| Savings | \$ 177,649.79 | Checking | \$616.77 |
| SSD | \$43,301.71 | Receipts | \$ 0.00 |

Chair Larkin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #10114 to #10141 for the amount of \$29,677.92, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming

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month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$34,000 from savings to checking and the transfer of \$46.00 from cemetery to checking Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Carter moved approval of minutes from the February 8, 2010 meetings as discussed, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Clerk Report

The quit claim deed for the Dahlstorp Cemetery has been officially filed with Chisago County.

Board Member Reports

None

Old Business

The Board discussed and finalized the 2011 budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting tomorrow night.

Supervisor Cupit moved to reconvene at 1:00 on Friday, March 12, 2010 for the purpose of finishing the agenda, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

March 12, 2010 Reconvene

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Directly after the annual meeting on March 9, 2010 the Board of Canvass met to certify the election results. Election results are as follows: Bob Carter – 78; Tim O’Keefe – 3; Spoiled Ballot – 1.

Supervisor Cupit reported that a “snowy day fund” as explained in the Minnesota Association of Townships Newsletter may be a good idea to put into motion. The blacktop fund may be a good resource as an emergency with a policy put in place outlining a refund plan.

The Board reviewed the Hass Gravel Bid. Hass construction detailed their bid and attached and referenced the township’s request for proposal. Supervisor Cupit moved to accept Hass Construction bid for up to 9000 yards of gravel at \$9.90 per yard including crushing and hauling and per the townships request for proposal, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

New Business

Ebner Driveway (see road report)

The Board reviewed the information submitted by Miller Law Office to vacate a portion of Cedarcrest Court. The letter from the law office referenced an included petition. The petition was not included and no action can be taken until the township receives the petition from David Baker and Sherry Hropko, property owners. Miller Law Office was notified of their error.

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The Board reviewed the CAT and John Deere quotes line by line and side by side. After review the Board had additional questions for the CAT and John Deere salesmen. Supervisor Cupit moved to reconvene on March 17, 2010 at 11:00 a.m., Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

March 17, 2010 Reconvene

Chair Larkin moved to call the reconvened meeting to order at 11:20 a.m., Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

The board reviewed the revised bids for the CAT Grader and the John Deere Grader. After much deliberation and comparisons the board agreed that the CAT Grader was a better overall value with a better buy back amount and a better interest rate for financing.

Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the final and current bid from Ziegler Cat for a 2010 140M and to purchase the 140M for \$246,025 with \$115,600 as trade value for the townships current 2001 140H CAT Grader and a down payment of \$11,326.51; financing at \$20,000 per year for 7 years at 4.15% and authorize Chair Larkin to sign the bid purchase agreement, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Citizen Comment

None.

Supervisor Cupit moved to adjourn at 2:20 p.m., Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.