

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
April 12, 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 Cupit moved to remove budget discussion from Old Business, add Ebner driveway to Old Business and move appointment numbers 3 & 4 up to beginning of meeting and Old Business to earlier in meeting, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Annual Reorganization

Supervisor Cupit moved to appoint Supervisor Carter as Board Chair for the year, Carter accepted appointment, Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Supervisor Cupit moved that regular Township meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month for 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. and not observe Columbus Day, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Appointments

Joseph Call. Township resident Joseph Call approached the Township Board about coordinating a volunteer Eagle Scout and youth church conference project. Joseph would like to do some clean up at the Dahlstorp Cemetery and any other projects within the Township that are needed. He can arrange for up to 60-100 people to participate with a 1 adult per 6 youth ratio. A condition of the Boy Scouts is that no power tools can be used. Food, transportation and insurance are covered through his Church. The Board offered the Town Hall for their use for lunch and as a meeting place. Chair Carter will work with Joseph to create a plan for the Dahlstorp Cemetery and Township grounds and present it at the May 2010 meeting. The project will be between July 28th-July 31st.

Success Home Properties. Joan Wallace of Success Home Properties asked for a variance to replace a current group home (4045 Stark Road) with a new home that will be closer to the County Road 10 setback than required and closer to Fish Lake. Ms. Wallace explained that the current home is in disrepair with mold issues and it would be less stressful on the residents if a new home were built and then the old home torn down and removed. Chair Carter expressed concern of the new home being closer to County 10 and that there could be future safety issues involving traffic when a future expansion is completed on County 10. Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the variance with the conditions that the new home is 110' from County Road 10, however, not approved to be closer than the ordinary high water mark than 75 feet.

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Full Moon Bar and Restaurant. The Full Moon is requesting approval for their annual liquor license. There have been no citations given in the past year. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the Full Moons liquor license, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Paces Bar & Restaurant. Pace's is requesting approval for their annual liquor license. There have been no citations given in the past year. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of Pace's liquor license, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Road Report

Gary Guse presented the road report. Gary notified the board that Hass has started crushing gravel and that Sheila Rogne, a certified gravel tester is available to the Township when needed.

Gary notified the Board that a permit has been applied for at Chisago County to haul 50,000 yards of material from the Sprinkle property located on Amery Ave for a Hwy. 95 project. The contractor will also be replacing the material with 50,000 yards of fill. Gary has photographed Amery Ave. for future reference if damage occurs during hauling. The permit is currently in review at Chisago County and has not been approved at this time.

The Board has declined to attend the course on Traffic Sign Management at this time.

A bill for North Branch Township's border roads was presented to the Board for review. The billing is for work performed by Fish Lake Township in 2009. Supervisor Larkin moved to approve the bill and to send it to North Branch Township for payment, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Ebner's 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. The Board agreed that the Ebner's should apply for a Township driveway permit when they are ready to construct their new entrance. Any current easements on the property will need to be worked out with Chisago County.

Treasurers Report

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Blacktop Fund	\$92,843.83	Driveway Fund	\$ 572.24
Equipment Fund	\$23,131.99	Dahlstorp Cemetery	\$9,216.52
Savings	\$ 143,224.83	Checking	\$879.39
SSD	\$43,315.41	Receipts	\$ 22,555.28

Chair Larkin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #10146 to #10176, excluding check 10155 for further review for the amount of \$19,377.84, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$500.00 from savings to checking Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor.

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At 10:20 p.m. Supervisor Cupit moved to reconvene this meeting on April 19, 2010 at 7 p.m., Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

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Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Clerk Report

The Board discussed purchasing new signs for the outside of the building. Supervisor Cupit moved to purchase two 3'x6' Fish Lake Township signs for above the hall door and office door and to also purchase 1'x3' signs to designate the door to the hall, shop and office and one "welcome" sign to be installed on a Township border, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Carter approved the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting as discussed, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Board Member Reports

None.

Old Business

Gary Guse has viewed and approved the driveway site at the Ebner property on 457th Lane (PID 03.00203.00). The Ebner's will need to obtain a driveway permit from the Township when they are ready to proceed.

New Business

At the November 9, 2009 meeting David Baker approached the board with a preliminary plat that would include vacating a small portion of road at the hammerhead to allow a future road from a point prior to the current end of the road where it will have more of a natural curve. Mr. Baker and Sherry Hropko have presented a petition signed by the number of required landowners. David Baker and Sherry Hropko are the only affected landowners to this vacation. Mr. Baker has deposited \$500 with the Township to cover costs incurred related to this issue. The Township will retain its current rights through an easement that will remain in effect for a turn around until the new road is constructed and accepted by the Township in the future. Supervisor Larkin moves to accept the petition presented by David Baker and Sherry Hropko, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor. A hearing date was set for 7:10 p.m. on May 10, 2010.

Board members will work on individual drafts for the newsletter and present them at the May meeting.

Supervisor Larkin moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.