

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032

June 9, 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 7:00 PM. All in attendance rose and said the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

The Board discussed the agenda and added Supervisor Access to Town Office to New Business and moved the Road Report to later in the meeting. Supervisor O'Keefe moved approval of the agenda, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurers Report

Driveway Fund	\$ 9,052.37	Savings	\$27,549.58
Equipment Fund	\$ 2,089.69	Checking	\$584.82
Blacktop Fund	\$57,895.32	Bills	\$8,716.37
Receipts	\$1,448.16	SSD	\$60,668.77

Supervisor O'Keefe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9562 to #9575 for the amount of \$ 8,716.37, authorize 6 extra checks for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and the transfer of \$10,500.00 from Savings to Checking. Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the May 2008 minutes as presented, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Scheduled Appointments

Brian O'Donnell – 440th/Maple Lane. Mr. O'Donnell asked the Board if the residents could be assessed for their share of Chloride by petition. Maple Lane and 440th Street is chlorided each year and is paid for by the residents with the Township sharing a 25% cost for saving on maintenance and gravel on the road. Mr. O'Donnell currently collects from the residents who are willing to pay but would like to see a more uniform approach to the situation. The Board explained that it is unlikely that chloride can be assessed to taxes but it will be looked into.

North Branch Township Border Roads Graveling. Ron Pederson and Gary Lindstrom, Supervisors of North Brach Township were present to speak with the Board regarding gravel of the Townships' border roads. There are approximately 2 miles total to be graveled (Little Pine and 420th(s)). The total project cost will be approximately \$11,500 that will be split between both Townships. Supervisors Pederson and Lindstrom will speak with their remaining Board members at their July 3, 2008 meeting and decide if they would like to use our gravel or if they would like to do one lift and we would do the other.

William Feela (Preliminary Plat of Hoiland Woodland Acres). Mr. Feela of Whispering Pines Realty is the listing agent for Irv Hoiland the owner of the plat. The plat is for 5 lots off of Cty. 10/Blackhawk Rd. After

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reviewing the Plat the Board expressed reservation with the driveways that will be coming off of Blackhawk and Cty. 10 and were not comfortable at the time approving the preliminary plat. Mr. Feela will photograph the driveway approaches and return the July 2008 meeting for further discussion.

Jim Halstrom, Chisago County Director of Emergency Mgmt. The Board asked that Mr. Halstrom attend the meeting to discuss how Chisago County is prepared to handle emergency situations. Mr. Halstrom gave a very detailed presentation on all the resources available for several different scenarios along with a pamphlet of information and contacts. He will also see if there are any tornado sirens that are available to the township from other agencies that are upgrading their systems.

Road Report

Gary reported to the Board that a resident on Badger Blvd. would like the township to lower his driveway culvert. Gary feels that lowering the culvert will benefit the owner and not the township. The Township will not be purchasing culverts to have on hand this year. Any culverts needed by the township will be purchased through Chisago County.

Chisago County is upgrading their road counters and will sell 4 below surface units for approx. \$1500-\$2000 (one of the unit needs repair). Four new units will cost approx. \$4800. The Board will take this offer into consideration.

Now that the Township is maintaining the Dahlstorp Cemetery a small trailer will need to be purchased to haul the riding lawnmower. Supervisor O'Keefe moved to purchase a trailer from Menards for \$650, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Clerk Report

None.

Board Member Reports

None.

Old Business

At the May meeting Gary asked if the Board would consider adding two paid personal days and two paid holidays to his benefit package. The Board tabled this discussion until the July Meeting.

New Business

The Board discussed unsupervised access to the town office. Currently the Board members do not have keys to the Town offices or shop. Supervisor Cupit moved to distribute keys to the Board member for the town office once the new locking safe is received and vital records are secure, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Citizen Comment

Jason Anderson from Blue Heron Trail stated that he can no longer mow his ditch due to the grade since the road was restructured last year during the paving project. Gary will mow the ditch when he does his regular mowing.

Supervisor Cupit moved to adjourn at 10:35 PM, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.