

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
July 14, 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, Supervisor

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. All in attendance rose and said the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

The Board discussed the agenda and added Cris Sauro, Country Insurance, for annual insurance review. Chair Carter moved approval of the agenda, Supervisor Cupit 2nd.

Road Report

Gary Guse discussed with Board what work he has performed in the last month. The 1994 Dump truck needs a new clutch, drive shaft and brakes. Parts and Labor will cost \$4049.72. The truck also needs a new radiator at a cost of \$1,590.00. The Board reviewed the current budget and discussed the best way to have the work done. They decided that the truck will be sent out for the clutch, brakes and drive shaft. Gary will install the radiator. Supervisor Cupit moves to have the truck repaired for the cost of \$4549.72, an extra \$500 was added in for any overages that may occur to be approved by Chair Carter, Chair Carter 2nd.

The cordless drill had stopped working. Chair Carter moved to purchase a replacement drill, Supervisor Cupit 2nd.

In the past month a vehicle was approved for repair in excess of the \$500 month unapproved expenditure allowance. The Board will review the allowance amount and expectations when Supervisor O'Keefe is present.

Appointments

Cris Sauro from Country Insurance reviewed the current insurance policies with the Board. The Board went through each item and its current insured value and updated amounts saving the township approximately \$750 in premiums for vehicles and items that were over insured.

Bill Feela. Mr. Feela was at the June 2008 meeting with a Preliminary Plat and had agreed to return to the July meeting for more discussion. The board was concerned with poor sight distance for driveways, narrow width of the road and erosion issues. Mr. Feela failed to attend this meeting. The Board denied the Preliminary Plat and sent a letter to Chisago County expressing their reservations with the Plat.

Treasurers Report

Driveway Fund	\$ 9,057.95	Savings	\$17,063.85
Equipment Fund	\$ 2,090.90	Checking	\$824.36
Blacktop Fund	\$57,895.32	Bills	\$59,331.18
Receipts	\$178,108.90	SSD	\$60,741.62

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Chair Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9579 to #9608 for the amount of \$59,331.18, authorize 6 extra checks for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and the transfer of \$116,000.00 from Checking to Savings, and the transfer of \$10,491.49 from Savings to SSD and the transfer of \$4,778.75 from SSD to Savings. Supervisor Cupit 2nd.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the June 2008 minutes as presented, Chair Carter 2nd.

Clerk Report

Dahlstorp Cemetery. A cemetery meeting was held on July 11, 2008. Chair Carter, Clerk Nekowitsch, Pat Devine, Loring Olson, Lois Eaves, Terry Olson and Jackie Lund were present. There was discussion on maintenance and possible future plans. Lois Eaves donated \$10,000 for a cemetery fund to cover maintenance and other expenses associated with the Dahlstorp Cemetery. Treasurer McAndrew will start a separate checking account for the Dahlstorp Cemetery.

The Board approved new carpeting and tile entry for the office. Chair Carter moved to spend up to \$2,000 to have the town office recarpeted and tiling installed in front of the entry door, Supervisor Cupit 2nd.

Clerk Nekowitsch will order a 4 drawer locking fire proof lateral filing cabinet for the town office.

At 10:10 PM Supervisor Cupit moved to reconvene on July 21, 2008 at 7PM.

July 21, 2008

Board Member Reports

The Board discussed bidding Nessel Township's Loader at their upcoming auction. After review of the budget and finances there aren't enough funds in the budget to acquire the loader.

Supervisor Cupit heard from the Oak Leaf Grange and Chisago County forgave all back taxes with the exception of \$900.

The Board revisited the monthly allowances and determined that the Chair can authorize \$500, the clerk can authorize \$200 and Grounds Maintenance can authorize \$200 without prior approval. If an emergency repair comes up that cannot wait for a meeting the Clerk will notify Board members of the situation by email.

Clerk Nekowitsch composed a letter to Chisago County Zoning regarding Bill Feela and Hoiland Woodland Acres Preliminary Plat (see "appointments" above). The Board reviewed and signed the letter and it was mailed to Chisago County Zoning.

New Business

The Board discussed the possibility of purchasing the foreclosed property across the street from the township. The property is 5 acres with a house and detached garage. It is currently listed for \$135,000. The Board discussed that the land could be used for future township expansion, fire department and that the house may be

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able to be rented for the time being to cover part or the entire mortgage. Supervisor Cupit moved that the Chair Carter, Supervisor O'Keefe, Clerk Nekowitsch and Pat Devine view the property with a real estate agent and possibly make an offer of purchase with \$750 earnest contingent upon public review and Board Approval, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

The Board discussed a newsletter to have ready for review for the August 11, 2008 meeting.

Clerk Nekowitsch will ask for bids on septic system with Gary hauling sand, rock and black dirt.

The Board reviewed the budget for the remainder of the year. Due to budget constraints some roads may not be graveled that were on the list for this year.

The Board and Staff moved all of the office furniture into the hall. New carpet will be installed on July 24, 2008.

Supervisor Cupit moved to reconvene on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at 10:30 AM to view the Property across the Street, and to reconvene the July 24, 2008 meeting to Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7PM to move furniture back into the office Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

July 24, 2008

Chair Carter, Supervisor O'Keefe, Clerk Nekowitsch and Pat Devine met at the Wortham Property across from the town hall to view. After viewing, it was decided to not make an offer at the time and to discuss it at the August meeting. This meeting was reconvened to July 28, 2008 at 7PM

July 28, 2008

Chair Carter, Supervisor O'Keefe, Clerk Nekowitsch, Treasurer McAndrew and Gary Guse all helped to move furniture back in to the office.

Chair Carter moved to adjourn at 9PM, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd.