

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
July 12, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting

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

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

Approve Agenda

Supervisor Larkin moved to hear scheduled appointments earlier in the meeting, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor. Supervisor Larkin amended her motion to see appointments 2 and 3 because they were present, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Darwin and Lori Thompson – 44644 Acacia Trail. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are seeking approval of a preliminary plat that will split off a 5 acre parcel from a 44 acre parcel. The 5 acre split is where their home sits. The Board spoke with the Thompsons about their plat and viewed the property via County GIS. Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the preliminary plat, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Dave Harder – 44540 Maple Lane. Mr. Harder is seeking approval for a variance to rebuild his cabin closer to the lake than the required setback. The home will encroach 50' into the 100' setback; however, the home will be in line with the other homes on the street. The Harder family has owned the property since the 1980's and a driveway was never installed. The Board encouraged Mr. Harder to consider installing a proper driveway. Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the variance with a comment that the Township encourages Mr. Harder to install a gravel driveway, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Resident Bill Landis asked the Board for a moment to speak about the Roubar Lake Public Access. Mr. Landis reported that the access is not being used as intended and requests that the Township declare it as a nuisance and shut down it down. Mr. Landis stated that people are using it as a place to party all hours of the day and night, vulgar language is being used as well as discarding their trash on the ground. The Board informed Mr. Landis that if the access is dedicated to the public, the Township does not have the authority to close it. Supervisor Larkin will research and contact Mr. Landis with alternatives, if any.

Appointments

Cris Sauro – Country Insurance. The Board met with insurance agent Cris Sauro for the annual review of the Township's insurance covering buildings and vehicles. Cris was notified that the 2002 Cat Grader was replaced with a 2010 Cat Grader as of its delivery date of today, July 12, 2010. Insurance coverage will be increased to cover the value of the new grader.

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Old Business

Joseph Call's mother, Joanie, read a statement prepared by Joe thanking the Town Board for their assistance in the Dahlstorp Cemetery Work for his Eagle Scout project. The project date is set for July 30, 2010 from 11am -2pm. The volunteers will be removing brush and trees up to two inches in diameter and loading it into a trailer that the township will provide.

Road Report

Gary Guse reported that the 2010 CAT Grader was delivered earlier in the day.

Supervisor Cupit asked about chloride application on wet roads. With all the rain this summer some residents are unhappy with the application. Gary stated that applying chloride to wet roads is beneficial because it is easier for the chloride to penetrate. However, he did need to stop early when it started to rain during one of the days that resident chloride was being applied. It is becoming more difficult in the areas where there is a group of residents on a road with multiple starts and stops. Gary also reported that there was confusion with the resident's maps vs. the stakes. For instance, 440th was sprayed incorrectly due to the stakes being placed differently than the residents map indicated. In order to chloride to the map provided by the residents there was an additional 1100' of chloride that was needed. However, all of 440th was chlorided and Supervisor Cupit moved to contribute 25% of the cost for 440th Street under these special circumstances and to have future discussion about the chloride program, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Gary recommended that gravel be placed on the hill of Evelyn Edition. The board agreed.

Gary also recommended a front end alignment on the 1994 truck. Chair Carter moved to get a quote on the front end alignment and if it is under \$800 the service can be performed, Supervisor Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Gary received a quote from Haven Stump removal of trees on Buffalo Trail and Tucker St. that was discussed at last month's meeting. Chair Carter moved to remove the 3 trees and grind stumps for \$2100.00, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

The Board discussed purchasing large safety signs to be used on the roads. Supervisor Larkin moved that Gary order two signs and stands, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

This month Gary will obtain a quote from Midwest Contracting for sand out of the Sprinkle property for the Anchor Ave. culvert project being considered. Midwest Contracting is the company currently working at the Sprinkle property.

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Treasurers Report

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Blacktop Fund	\$93,313.89	Driveway Fund	\$ 572.38
Equipment Fund	\$23,147.11	Dahlstorp Cemetery	\$9,218.82
Savings	\$ 123,706.60	Checking	\$36.10
SSD	\$42,802.95	Receipts	\$ 200,555.15

Treasurer McAndrew notified the Board that a CD at Cambridge State Bank will mature on July 15, 2010 for \$24,000. Sharon will purchase a CD for \$24,000 from Peoples Bank with the matured funds as has been done in the past when CDs mature. She noted to the Board that an article that was published reporting The Cambridge State Bank audit was not a complete picture. Treasurer McAndrew explained that all banks get audited. Cambridge State Bank happened to be the bank that the newspaper focused on and that they passed. Treasurer McAndrew suggested that the driveway fund bank account be closed due to inactivity. Supervisor Larkin moved to close the driveway account and transfer any remaining funds to savings, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Supervisor Larkin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #10228 to #10246, for the amount of \$55,979.43, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$144,000.00 from checking to savings and \$3998.75 from SSD to checking, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor.

Clerk Report

Clerk Nekowitsch recommended the following people to be appointed as election judges, Anne Schultz, Susan Carew, David Larson, Arlene Burda, Sharon McAndrew, Corrine Meyer and Matt Cochran. Supervisor Cupit moved to appoint the list of names recommended as election judges provided by the clerk as well as give the clerk the authority to appoint additional emergency election judges for the Primary and General elections, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Supervisor Larkin moved to reconvene on Monday July 26th at 9:00 a.m. to finish agenda items, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Monday, July 26, 2010

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Road Report Continued...

Gary Guse discussed with the Board that costs have decreased for blacktop. More information will be gathered.

Work will proceed on the Anchor Ave. culvert at the Norling property.

A "Welcome to Fish Lake Township" sign will be placed at the Township line on Zodiac.

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Clerk Report Continued...

Dawn Splitstosser at 850 454th St. Ct. requested that her mailbox be replaced from damage due to plowing last winter. Gary Guse will deliver a comparable size mailbox and deliver it to the Splitstosser.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Cupit and seconded by Carter to approve the June 2010 minutes. Motion passed.

The Town Board approved a kids "voting" station provided by North Branch Community Education for North Branch School students. Students will have the opportunity to vote on issues at their station while their parents are voting in the November General Election.

Board Member Reports

None.

Old Business

Dahlstorp Cemetery project is scheduled for Friday, July 30, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chair Carter and Pat Devine have been to the site to do some preliminary work. Safety signs will be placed on the road near the cemetery work site for traffic.

New Business

A parcel has been closed on in the Hoiland Acres Plat. A letter will be sent reminding them of their agreement to donate \$1,000 per closed lot.

Charitable donations were tabled until a future meeting.

Board members will forward their newsletter drafts to the Clerk to be formatted and finalized for approval at the September 2010 monthly meeting.

Citizen Comment

None.

Motion was made by Larkin and seconded by Carter to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Motion passed.