

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
August 11, 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

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the agenda, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

Road Report

Gary Guse presented the road report. The 1994 truck springs were repaired. The loader is back at the shop from the pit. Gary has viewed Nessel Townships shouldering machine, it was used one season and will be put up for auction along with all of Nessel's other equipment on Sept. 10, 2008. The Board will discuss this further at the September meeting and determine if it would be a good investment for the township. Blue Heron Trail has a crack in the blacktop and some erosion on the side. Gary will view and determine if the crack needs to be filled and what will be needed to stop the erosion.

Treasurers Report

Blacktop Fund	\$57,895.32	Driveway Fund	\$ 8,163.41
Equipment Fund	\$ 2,092.31	Dahlstorp Cemetery	\$9,988.15
Savings	\$127,444.40	Checking	\$-4,157.38
SSD	\$69,670.99	Receipts	\$ 2,621.00

Chair Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9617 to #9629 for the amount of \$2,175.59, authorize 6 extra checks for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and the transfer of \$3,100.00 from Savings to Checking. Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the July 2008 minutes as amended, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

Appointments

The Goose Lake Association was present to inform the Board of their progress on overall water quality on Goose Lake. They have been working the past 18 months on the water quality, water shed and fishing resource. The association has approximately 75-100 dues paying members. The DNR has studied the water quality and the lake is now on the impaired body of water list for fish and clarity. The Goose lake association will keep the township informed on their progress and any issues as they arise. Robbie Thum, Larry Bylander, Marco Schisano and Jay Olson were present on behalf of the Goose Lake Association.

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Rush Lake Improvement Association is seeking approval from the township to sell pull-tabs, run bar bingo and paddle wheel meat raffles at Paces Restaurant. The owner of Paces contacted the RLA after the Jaycees indicated that they would not be renewing their license with the Restaurant. 100% of the proceeds stay within the county, approximately 60% to Nessel Township to pay for the RLA bills and 40% to other county projects. RLA is willing to donate 10% of its profits from Paces to Fish Lake Township. Supervisor Cupit moves approval of gambling license, Chair Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Several residents from Andee Ave and the surrounding area were present to speak with the Board about a dirt track installed by Justin Miska on the Miska property. The track is causing excessive noise and dust to area residents. Supervisor O'Keefe has viewed the track and there has been disturbance of more than one acre of land and it has impacted the wetlands. The township will send the Miskas a letter to inform them that a complaint has been made. Residents in attendance were Larry Benson, Doug Gowanna, Kerry Colyer and Randy Helms.

There is a new group home located in Prairie Ponds that has concerned residents. The neighborhood residents were concerned that they were not informed of the group home and would like to know what types of individuals are being housed there. Chair Carter has visited the home and due to privacy laws was only able to find out that there are 4 males between the ages of 30-50, they have no criminal records. When the residents are outside they must be accompanied by a worker. The state of MN governs how group homes are run and Chisago County nor does the Township have jurisdiction. While the Board understands the residents issues, they are outside of their legal rights to get involved with this matter.

Rebecca Uhlmann was present to speak with the Board regarding serving liquor on Sept. 27, 2008 during her hall rental. The Board agreed to the request with the requirement of a deputy sheriff present from the time the liquor enters the property. Chair Carter approves the request for alcohol with a Deputy present, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

Clerk Report

None.

Board Member Reports

Chair Carter and Supervisor O'Keefe reported that Bill Feela went to the County Planning Commission for approval of Preliminary Plat Hoiland Woodland Acres. The County informed Mr. Feela that he would need to return to the township. Mr. Feela was not present at this meeting or has contacted the Township regarding this matter. Furthermore, the Board discussed the impact that the plat will cause to the road. A letter will be sent to Mary Darraugh-Schmitz, County Zoning Director informing her that Mr. Feela has not contacted the Township.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Two bids were received for the septic system replacement. Due to budget constraints the Board will table this issue until next spring.

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The Board discussed bidding on the Wortham Property across from the township. No bid had been made previously by the township. Supervisor O'Keefe moves that the Board make an offer of \$40,000. Contingent on Public review and full Board approval of final sales price, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor

Citizen Comment

None.

Chair Carter moved adjournment at 10:50 PM, Supervisor O'Keefe 2nd. All in favor.

Approved