

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032

September 12, 2011 Regular Monthly Meeting

Township Officials Present: Chair Bob Carter
Supervisor Corey Johnson
Sharon McAndrew, Treasurer
Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Township Officials Absent: Supervisor Diane Larkin

Supervisor Larkin was absent due to a family emergency.

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Carter and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda and add Dennis Freed and Daniel Steman to the agenda. Motion passed.

Chisago County Auditor, Dennis Freed was present to discuss the future of the homestead market value credit. At this time the State has decided they will no longer be providing a credit to homeowners on their homestead taxes. This will increase individual's taxes by approximately 7%. The credit was applied to homeowners in 2011 but the state will not be forwarding their share to counties and townships causing a \$22,000 shortfall to Fish Lake Township.

Road Report

Gary Guse reported that he has passed the State mandated underground tank operator test.

Haven Tree Removal has been out clearing trees from the July 1, 2011 storm.

Gary Guse reported the stockpile at the Township is getting low. Motion made by Carter and seconded by Johnson to stockpile 325 yards to have on hand at the Township.

Gary Guse reported that he will need two new tires on the 1-ton truck soon costing approximately \$350.00

Leaf Construction submitted a quote for \$1200 on 7/10/11 to clean out, grade 400' of ditch install a new centerline culvert using their back hoe, dozer (was not used during construction) and truck on Maple Lane off of Cty. 60, The Township added an additional \$300 to have another culvert installed near the site and Leaf was given the old culvert and two aprons valued at \$281. Leaf's invoice was for \$1835.00. Motion made by Carter and seconded by Johnson to pay Leaf Construction \$1500, the original amount of the quote and to include a letter as to why the billed amount of \$1835 was not paid.

Gary Guse reported that the grader's slope meter was not installed on the grader as ordered in the original quote. CAT has agreed to come to the Township and install it at no cost. The Board also

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approved payment of the Ziegler bill from last month the transmission was plugged with dust.

Maxine Van Bergen (August 2011 meeting). Gary will mow ditch and take elevation before a plan is made.

Scheduled Appointments

1. Daniel Steman 46000 Cambridge Drive. Mr. Steman is asking for a variance to exceed the maximum square footage for accessory structures in a RR2 Zoning District (2000 sqf). Mr. Steman has four adjoining parcels for a total of 30 acres. His structure will be a total of 2500 sqf. Motion made by Carter and seconded by Johnson to allow a pole building that will go over the 2000 sqf. Accessory storage totaling 2500 sqf. Motion passed.
2. Maria Mickelson. Was not present for her requested appointment.

Treasurers Report

The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Blacktop Fund (Peoples)	\$104,084.58	Equipment Fund	\$5,495.44
Savings (Peoples)	\$ 121,095.11	SSD/Debt. Service	\$31,757.70
Savings (Camb. State)	\$196,807.96	Cemetery	\$6,664.68
		Checking	\$-988.02

Motion made by Carter and seconded by Johnson to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #10596 to #10604, for the amount of \$23,516.98, authorize up to \$4,000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer of \$28,500 from Savings to Checking; \$49.07 from Cemetery to Checking. Motion passed.

Minutes

Motion made by Johnson and seconded by Carter to accept the 8/8/11 and 8/29/11 minutes as discussed. Motion passed.

Clerk Report

Revised hall rental agreement was tabled until the October meeting.

Board members were given information on sign retro reflectivity proposing eliminating deadlines.

Old Business

Date to remove stumps at the Dahlstorp Cemetery was tabled until Supervisor Larkin could be present for discussion.

Board Member Reports

Chair Carter reported the Robin Dial who lives across the street from the Township contacted him. She reported that cars miss the stop sign on the intersection of Cty. 8 and Cty. 63 and end up in her ditch. This past weekend a car rolled and landed on its roof in her ditch. Chair Carter will speak with Joe Triplett, Chisago County Road Supervisor about this issue.

New Business

None

Citizen Comment

None.

Motion made by Carter and seconded by Johnson to adjourn at 10:15 pm. Motion passed.

Approved