

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032  
July 13, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

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

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

### Approve Agenda

The Board discussed the agenda and added the following for discussion. Supervisor Carter moved to add Steven Lavessure in Road Report, Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

### Road Report

Gary Guse informed the board that the **grader will need a new circle swivel oil canister soon**; he will get a quote from CAT on cost.

**Goose Lake Narrows is in need of two culverts** (one new installation and one replacement). The new culvert will be placed in front of the Morgan property near the bridge. The culvert placement and ditch work will be done in conjunction with rock placement at the bridge itself to control erosion. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of ditching, culverts and rock projects, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

There **are three frost boils on Goose Lake Narrows**, west of the bridge. The repair cost will be approximately \$6600 to dig 2' down and 15' across, add replacement fill and labor. Gary will bring this back to the board in the spring of 2010 when the boils are erupting again for their consideration.

The state of **Minnesota denied the Townships request for funding for the roads that were on the detour during the Hwy. 95** construction this summer. The state said that the traffic amounts did not meet their standards to warrant any action.

Chair Larkin spoke to a **resident on Zodiac** to get permission for Gary to turn into his driveway to **turn the grader around**. The resident was not receptive to the request. Gary will turn the grader around on the blacktop.

**Bob Novotny of 43590 Decker** requested that the township remove dead trees from the right of way in front of his property. Gary will assess the area to see if it is a safety issue.

There is still **brush on the Troubaugh property**, another letter will be sent.

Steve Levassure Driveway. Gary inspected the driveway and aprons need to be installed. Gary will finish the driveway to township specifications at a cost of \$100 to Mr. Levassure. A check was given

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032

July 13, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

to Mr. Levassure for the balance of the driveway permit deposit after the deduction of inspection fees and material and labor fees for Gary to finish the driveway.

### Treasurers Report

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

<b>Blacktop Fund</b>	\$81,073.88	<b>Driveway Fund</b>	\$ 1421.79
<b>Equipment Fund</b>	\$4,102.61	<b>Dahlstorp Cemetery</b>	\$9,255.57
<b>Savings</b>	\$ 78,510.15	<b>Checking</b>	\$ 1842.76
<b>SSD</b>	\$45,181.34	<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 192,622.72

Chair Larkin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9923 to #9949 for the amount of \$45,152.45, authorize up to \$4000 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$139,000 from checking to savings. Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

### Appointments

- 1. Cris Sauro Country Insurance Annual Review.** The board reviewed the townships insurance policies with agent Cris Sauro. The Menards utility trailer was added to the policy valued at \$600
- 2. Maria Mickelson Skogman Lake Road Paving Petition.** Mrs. Mickelson was not present for her requested appointment.
- 3. Rick and Tom Lofboom – fence on Crown Drive in right of way.** A letter was sent to Rick Lofboom from the Township requesting that he move his cow yard fence out of the townships right of way by 2010. Tom Lofboom owns the land and he and his brother Rick Lofboom currently farm it. The Lofbooms were present and requested that the fence be left in its current location until the township plans a project that will include the west side of Crown Drive. The board agreed that the fence could stay in its current location until a project required its removal. A letter was sent to the Lofbooms stating that the township will give the Lofbooms 60 day's prior notice when the fence will need to be moved out of the right of way, they could drive across the right of way to access that section of land and to be aware of the monument markers. Tom Lofboom will sign the letter and a copy will be kept on file at the township.

### Approval of Minutes

**Cty. 10 Pipeline follow-up.** Supervisor Cupit spoke to a colleague regarding the pipeline that was repaired under Cty. 10 in June 2009. The detour set by the State of MN prompted the inspection and in her opinion the rest of the pipeline is not in jeopardy.

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of June 2009 minutes as discussed, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Supervisor Carter moved to reconvene this meeting on Monday, August 3, 2009 beginning at 6:30P

## **August 3, 2009**

Chair Larkin reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., Supervisor Carter, Supervisor Cupit, Clerk Nekowitsch and Gary Guse were present (Treasurer McAndrew was not required to attend this meeting).

**Gravel was replaced on Cty 62** from trucks hauling for the township to perform work on township roads off of Cty. 62. It is common courtesy to correct any wear and tear on border roads when using them for access. Chisago County also repairs township roads when they are using them to access one of these roads.

### **Clerk Report**

**Alarm system quotes** for the town office and shop were discussed. The lowest quote was from Broadview Security. The board worries about the safety of its employees while they are working alone as well as the security of township records and equipment. The board will make its final decision on the security system at the August 10, 2009 regular meeting.

Gary Guse informed the board that two roads have **washouts on the culverts (Badger & Alpine Ave.)**. The culvert on Alpine has a large hole. Leaf construction quoted \$3800 for back hoe labor and material. The board will view the sites and discuss again next week at the August 10, 2009 regular meeting.

Gary Guse presented a quote for **grader repairs to the air conditioner, circle swivel oil canister and right tandem**. Since these repairs are not imminent Gary will remind the board in the fall.

Gary Guse finished the **Levassure driveway, aprons were installed** and it was seeded and mulched.

### **Board Member Reports**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

**Township boarder signs** were discussed, Gary Guse will get prices for the board.

**Septic System.** The board discussed the quote by Leaf Construction to construct a mound for the townships septic system. The quote is \$6375, with Gary Guse hauling and providing the mound material. Chair Larkin moves to have the septic system replaced by Leaf Construction for \$6375; Clerk Nekowitsch will confirm with Leaf that it is still a viable bid, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

All road signs are mandated to be replaced in the upcoming years to improve reflectivity. The

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032  
July 13, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

township will be taking a sign and road inventory as the first step in the process. This week Gary will video tape a road for the board to view and discuss how in depth they would like future roads to be handled.

**Citizen Comment**

None

Chair Larkin moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Approved