

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032
August 10, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Absent: Chair Diane Larkin

Chair Larkin absent due to a prior commitment made a year ago before she was on the board.

Supervisor Carter called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the agenda, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Road Report

Gary was asked by the board to **video Anchor Ave.** as a test video for the board to view at the next meeting.

A **culvert on Goose Lake Narrows** will be replaced this month along with more boulders placed at the bridge.

The **4 back tires on the pup trailer are bald** and need to be replaced; the front ones are still in good shape. The back tires are 10 years old. State contract price for replacement is \$1228.92 for new tires. First time re-caps are \$852, second time re-caps are \$750. The trailer will not be needed until next year and the tires will be replaced in 2010.

CAT invited the board to the new **CAT grader demonstration** in Harris on August 19, 2009.

Gary Guse will coordinate with **Leaf Construction on installing the new septic/mound system.**

Culvert replacement on Alpine Ave. was tabled until the next meeting.

Chair Larkin called at 8:02 p.m. to answer any questions the board may have.

Treasurers Report

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Blacktop Fund	\$81,639.28	Driveway Fund	\$ 496.79
Equipment Fund	\$4,102.96	Dahlstorp Cemetery	\$9,256.36
Savings	\$ 216,444.66	Checking	\$ -145.64
SSD	\$49,675.58	Receipts	\$ 6071.88

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Supervisor Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9953 to #9966 for the amount of \$4,769.34, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$7,500.00 from savings to checking. Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor.

Treasurer McAndrew **transferred \$11,180.81 from the mower account to other projects** as requested by the board. When the 2009 budget was being calculated a new mower was earmarked in other projects line item.

Treasurer McAndrew looked into **the Federal Deposit Guarantee of \$250,000.00** with Cambridge State Bank. Cambridge State bank will issue a letter of credit for free to cover the excess amounts over the federal insured amount.

Appointments

1. **Jim Erb requested that the board move Crown Drive** to match with the most current survey. Mr. Erb also asked why the ditch project that the township was trying to plan was never started. The township was not granted the variances from impacted residents needed to move forward with the project. Mr. Erb also stated that he rescinds his prior letter of agreement to allow the township a drainage easement on his property. Supervisor Cupit moved to deny Mr. Erb's request in the absence of any projects on that road and further citing Minnesota Statute 106.05 Subdivision 1. Six years. When any road or portion of a road has been used and kept in repair and worked for at least six years continuously as a public highway by a road authority, it shall be deemed dedicated to the public to the width of the actual use and be and remain, until lawfully vacated, a public highway or not...., Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Residents from Decker Ave. were at the meeting to ask the board to **chloride Decker Ave** at the townships expense in 2010. The board explained to the residents that the township does not chloride roads for dust control but for gravel maintenance. The residents on Decker chloride 1800' long by 18' wide this year at their cost. Gary Guse suggested that next year they spray 9' wide down the middle of the road. The residents will do a 9' path in 2010 for all of Decker and this will qualify them for the 25% township donation.

Approval of Minutes

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the July 13, 2009 minutes as presented, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Clerk Report

A **reply from the township attorney** was sent to Plaintiff O'Keefe's attorney in response to his lawsuit.

Four doors need to be replaced (Office/Hall replacing with a steel door, rear hall door, front and rear shop doors). Supervisor Cupit moved to purchase four steel doors for the hall and shop at a total of \$476, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

The board discussed a **security system for the town hall and shop** to protect equipment and the safety of township employees. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the bid from Broadview Security of \$628, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Board Member Reports

County Attorney Janet Reiter responded to Supervisor Carter's question on the **quit claim deed for Dahlstorp Cemetery**. She stated that Chisago County conveyed title by way of quit claim deed to the township and did not make any warranties to the title.

At 10:10 p.m. Supervisor Cupit moved to reconvene on Monday, August 24, 2009 at 7 p.m., Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Monday, August 24, 2009

Supervisor Carter reconvened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Chair Larkin and Supervisor Cupit were unable to attend, Supervisor Carter reconvened the meeting to Thursday, August 27th at 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chair Larkin had received a call from the **Harris Fire Department in regards to bidding** some of the townships sections for fire service.

The board reviewed the **North Brach Fire Contract for Jan 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013** with a one year notice of cancelation. The board reviewed the townships other fire contracts and found the average section cost to be \$985. The North Branch Fire Department is primarily based on valuation. Supervisor Carter moved to accept and sign the Nbfd contract, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

The equipment price of the alarm system was revised by the alarm company due to only having one monitoring fee versus two fees to run two separate systems. The difference in cost will be made up in approximately 10 months. Supervisor Carter moved to purchase an alarm system at the newly revised price of \$975, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Supervisor Cupit looked at the **ditching project on Goose Lake Narrows** and was satisfied with the project. Supervisor Cupit also viewed the culvert on Alpine and stated that aside from the slope and hole the culvert itself looks good. Curve signage is need for south bound traffic and warning signs for the tree and curve. 26' of guard rail to protect the culvert end would be an estimated \$437.

Supervisor Cupit proposed that the **township be broke up into 3 sections** and each board member manage their respective section and report back to the other members at a meeting about any issues. Supervisor Cupit will make a preliminary map of roads for each board member.

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Chair Larkin spoke with Evergreen Recycling for costs to hold **a township wide clean up day**. The cost to the township will be free and the cost to residents will be minimal to recycle unwanted belongings.

Old Business

Supervisor Carter drafted **a preliminary newsletter** with topic ideas. The board reviewed and an updated version will be presented at the September meeting for changes and or approval.

New Business

None.

Citizen Comment

None

Chair Larkin moved to adjourn at 10:35 p.m., Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Approved