

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032  
January 12, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Township Officials Absent: Supervisor O'Keefe

Chair Carter called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, due to poor weather conditions. All in attendance rose and said the pledge of allegiance.

**Approve Agenda**

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the agenda and added Pat Devine to new business to discuss new tile for the hall and 2010 budget/levy preparation, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Road Report**

Discussion on new front tires for the grader. Two new front tires will cost \$3119.08 the front tires are wearing and need to be replaced. Board will take under advisement.

Gary presented costs for an impact wrench that will allow him to remove the tires on the grader and rotate them himself. The Board will consider this option.

The plow truck radiator needs to be replaced. Initial costs are: Boyer \$4208.50, CAT \$4295.95 Gary will get more information and revisit this issue with the Board.

**Treasurers Report**

<b>Blacktop Fund</b>	\$60,155.54	<b>Driveway Fund</b>	\$ 7,335.96
<b>Equipment Fund</b>	\$ 2,098.67	<b>Dahlstorp Cemetery</b>	\$9,250.89
<b>Savings</b>	\$ 211,731.69	<b>Checking</b>	\$ 16,458.42
<b>SSD</b>	\$69,992.80	<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 5,840.70

Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9744 to #9755 for the amount of \$60,710.37, authorize up to \$4,000 in operating disbursements in the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and the transfer of \$23,000 from savings to checking and \$20,846.05 from SSD to checking, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Treasurer McAndrew proposed closing the driveway checking account due to new fees charged by the bank. That particular account is rarely used. Supervisor Cupit moved to have Treasurer McAndrew close the driveway checking, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the December 2008 minutes as discussed, Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Appointments**

NONE

**Clerk Report**

A new camera has not been purchased at this time. A township debit card was made available to Clerk Nekowitsch for retail office and recurring expenses. All past expenses were put on the Clerk's personal credit card.

Chair Carter moved to reconvene on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 10AM.

***January 24, 2009 Reconvened Meeting***

Meeting was convened at 10:03AM. Supervisor O'Keefe emailed Clerk Nekowitsch to inform everyone that he would be absent.

**Board Member Reports**

None

**New Business**

Fire Contract Review.

Fire fees have steadily increased over the past years. The Board discussed possible ways to save on fire costs. Bob Cupit will contact MAT to get information on negotiating fire contract costs and to see if they would offer a seminar at a MAT Conference for townships on how to go about doing this.

The Board discussed platting powers and the Township could have final authority on Plats. Chair Carter would like to see research into the possibility of the Town Board assuming platting jurisdiction from the county. The township would not take over zoning and inspections, or building permits.

Road Inventory.

The board discussed purchasing a video camera for road inventory. Clerk Nekowitsch is to purchase a video camera to fit the needs of the township. A video camera will cost approximately \$400.00.

The Board discussed the circumstance of a lost township key and will give the Supervisor ample time to find the key before deciding to re-key the office at this time. Supervisor Cupit moved to give the Supervisor until the March 9, 2009 meeting to produce the key. Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chair Carter moved to purchase a shredder for the office, Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sharon presented the Board the final audited accounts for 2008. Money was transferred from SSD to General Savings to cover expenses that were owed to the township from the Blue Heron Trail SSD Account.

Supervisor Cupit moved to transfer \$10,000 from the general fund to blacktop fund for 2008 and 2009 as requested by residents at the annual meeting to happen on a yearly basis. Chair Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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2010 Budget/Levy was worked on for the rest of the day.

**Old Business**

None

**Citizen Comment**

None

Chair Carter moved to adjourn at 3:00 PM, Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Approved