

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032  
March 9, 2009 Regular Monthly Meeting

Township Officials Present: Bob Carter, Chair  
Bob Cupit, Supervisor  
Tim O'Keefe, Supervisor  
Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

Township Officials Absent: Sharon McAndrew, Treasurer

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 agenda as presented, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Gravel Hauling Bids:** Three bids were received from the advertisement placed for 2009 gravel hauling. Rydberg \$8.97 cubic yard; Bjorkland \$7.49 cubic yard; Keith Haas Construction \$7.97 cubic yard. Supervisor O'Keefe stated that last season Bjorkland used our gravel to construct a runway for equipment to access our pile. Gary Guse will follow up with Bjorkland to discuss this situation. Supervisor Cupit moved to accept the Bjorkland hauling bid as per specifications of our advertisement at \$7.49 cy, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

The board reorganized tonight's agenda to have appointments before regular business.

**Kissner Construction:** Mark Kissner, contractor for Noel & Sharon Petit (43355 Crown Dr.) is asking for a variance to add a new foundation and walk out basement under the existing house. The variance is required for setback encroachments. The board reviewed the plans and the survey that was recently completed in Feb. 2009. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of variance with the condition that the Township would prefer the foundation remain on the existing foot print of the house. If this is not viable the Township will allow up to a 6' encroachment to set back of the road, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

### **Road Report**

Gary Guse presented the Jan 2009 Road Report. The grader lights are still occasionally dimming after the alternator has been replaced. Gary will research this problem on the internet and also see if Ziegler has a diagnosis. Gary received approval to spend up to \$500 to have the John Deere Tractor memory reprogrammed and have the fuel leak diagnosed.

Gary presented a bid for \$4076.68 to replace the drum, bearings and slip clutch on the piranha. Purchasing a new piranha would be approximately \$13,500-\$15,000. Chair Cupit moved to repair the piranha and to spend up to \$4,100 including delivery, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Gary recommended the purchase of a new 3/8" Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the purchase of a new impact wrench, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor  
The board approved a \$5/month increase to offset the cost of Gary's personal cell phone that is also

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used for township business. The new total monthly reimbursement is \$55. Supervisor Cupit moved an extra \$5/month towards Gary's cell phone, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Invoices prepared for Nessel and North Branch Townships' border roads were reviewed and approved by the board.

**Treasurers Report**

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

<b>Blacktop Fund</b>	\$80,518.53	<b>Driveway Fund</b>	\$ 431.50
<b>Equipment Fund</b>	\$4,100.47	<b>Dahlstorp Cemetery</b>	\$9,252.45
<b>Savings</b>	\$ 169,096.91	<b>Checking</b>	\$ -784.64
<b>SSD</b>	\$44,039.28	<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 0.00

Supervisor O'Keefe moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9808 to #9832 for the amount of \$21,354.76, authorize up to \$4000 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$26,500 from savings to checking. Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Cupit moves approval of the February 2009 minutes as discussed, Supervisor O'Keefe 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Clerk Report**

None

**Board Member Reports**

None

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**

The 2010 levy/budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting tomorrow, March 10 was reviewed and updated.

**Citizen Comment**

Chair Carter moves to adjourn at 10:10 p.m., Supervisor Cupit 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.