

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

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

Absent: None

Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

Approve Agenda

Supervisor Cupit moved to approve the agenda as presented, Supervisor Carter 2nd, and added discussion on Dahlstorp Cemetery, Goose Lake Pass Plat, and District 7 meeting as a friendly amendment. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of friendly amendment, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Road Report

Rock donated by Gary Guse, Sr. was placed on the shoulder on Goose Lake Narrows near the bridge.

Four recap tires were installed on the 1994 dump truck.

CAT repaired tandem seal, air conditioner and circle drive on the grader.

Fallen trees on Blackhawk Road were cut up and moved off the road.

The federally mandated sign reflectivity program was discussed. It is estimated that townships will need to spend between \$30,000-\$40,000 upgrading road signs to meet the new federal requirements.

Chair Larkin received "Adopting Township Road Standards" at the Chisago County MAT meeting. A copy was made for Supervisors Carter and Cupit to review.

Gary Guse explained that more rock needs to be on hand at the shop for frost boils and wash outs. It is better to get the rock now before the piles freeze over the winter. Chair Larkin moved to purchase 100 yards of rock from Hass Construction for \$6.50/yard, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

The strobe on the 1-Ton is working intermittently. Supervisor Cupit moved to spend up to \$500 on a new strobe with final purchase approval from Chair Larkin, Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Gary Guse will obtain bids from 3 contractors to replace the doors in the hall and shop.

Treasurers Report

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Blacktop Fund	\$81,899.94	Driveway Fund	\$ 571.96
Equipment Fund	\$4,103.65	Dahlstorp Cemetery	\$9,252.91
Savings	\$ 107,748.98	Checking	\$ 1,579.28
SSD	\$53,912.70	Receipts	\$ 0.00

Treasurer McAndrew explained to the Board that Cambridge State Bank is charging a \$5/month dormant account fee for the Dahlstorp Cemetery account because it is not being used enough. Supervisor Carter moved to allow Treasurer McAndrew to close the Dahlstorp Checking Account and open a Dahlstorp Saving Account to save on monthly fees, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Supervisor Carter moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9995 to #10014 for the amount of \$6,473.42, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$9,000.00 from savings to checking, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in Favor. Chair Larkin's pay was for two quarters.

Appointments

1. Harris Fire Department Informational Presentation. Fire Chief Trevor Williams spoke to the Board regarding what HFD had to offer Fish Lake Township. HFD would like to take over the SE ¼ of the township that is currently being serviced by North Branch FD. The Board voiced their concerns about past issues within the HFD. Citizens have the final decision in the change of fire coverage; Chief Williams has the opportunity to speak to residents at the annual meeting.
2. Maria Mickelson (Skogman Lake Road). Mrs. Mickelson presented the Board with a petition asking Fish Lake Township to pave Skogman Lake Road. There are 6 residents on the gravel portion of Skogman Lake Road that are in Chisago County. The road is used by garbage and sanitation trucks daily from the transfer station on Hwy. 95. Skogman has a high amount of non-resident traffic. The board suggested that Mrs. Mickelson start a dialect with other township residents at the annual meeting regarding paving Skogman Lake Road.
3. Dale Hebeisen – Not Present
4. Becky Geston – Final Plat of Geston Shores on Cty. 10 across from Fish Lake. Ms. Geston presented the Board the final Mylar plat of Geston Shores for approval. The Board reviewed the plat and determined there were no changes from the Preliminary Plat that was presented at the September 2009 meeting. Supervisor Carter moved approval of the Geston Shores final plat, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor. The plat was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

There is a brush pile in the right of way at the Shawn Stumpges property. Supervisor Carter moved to write Shawn Stumpges a letter requesting that he remove the brush pile that is in the township's right of way, Chair Larkin 2nd. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Larkin moved approval of the September 2009 minutes with revisions, Supervisor Cupit 2nd. All in favor.

Clerk Report

The Oak Leaf Grange Organization sent the Township a letter requesting township requirements for placing an informational sign on the Grange Property. The property frontage is on County Road 8 and if there are any stipulations it will be from the county. The Township has no sign requirements at this time. Supervisor Cupit will follow up with a letter to the Grange Organization.

Board Member Reports

Supervisor Carter is still working with Minnesota Association of Townships Attorney, Eric Hedtke on resolving the issue of the strip of land at the Dahlstorp Cemetery.

The Board reviewed the Goose lake Pass Plat that is on the Goose Lake Narrows Road. The plat was registered with Chisago County in 1957 but is not listed on the County GIS Map.

Supervisor Carter reported that at the District 7 meeting he learned that there is a township in the state that only has 7 residents. In lieu of paying a township tax they pay the county an additional amount for their services.

The Board discussed the sign reflectivity program and set a Road Meeting and Tour for Saturday, December 5, 2009 beginning at 8:00 AM.

Chair Larkin reported that she had spoken to Terry Troughbaugh regarding the brush pile in the Townships right of way. Mr. Troughbaugh claimed that he did not get the first letter (dated May 20, 2009) or the second letter (dated August 5, 2009) that were sent regarding the removal of a brush pile. The final letter, dated August 28, 2009 stated that he had 30 days from receipt the letter to remove the brush pile before the township hired a company to remove it and charged the Troughbaugh's for the bill. Mr. Troughbaugh stated that he could not remove the brush pile within the 30 days allotted by the township in the final letter. As of the date of this meeting, it has been 45 days and the brush pile is still there. A company will be hired to clean up the brush pile. Mr. Troughbaugh will be notified of the date that the company will be performing the work; if he has not removed the pile himself, he will be charged for removal.

The township clean up day was a success. Several residents took advantage of the opportunity to

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recycle their unwanted items.

Old Business

None

New Business

None.

Citizen Comment

None

Supervisor Cupit moved to adjourn at 10:30 p.m., Supervisor Carter 2nd. All in favor.

Approved