

Fish Lake Township  
2170 Brunswick Road  
Harris, MN 55032

September 14, 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 7:00 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

### **Approve Agenda**

Supervisor Cupit moved to add discussion of Rolling Shores, Dahlstorp Cemetery, Fish Lake Beach Road and Hall/Office Doors to the agenda, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

### **Road Report**

Gary Guse reported that the John Deere tractor is randomly surging. A service technician can not figure out the why it would be doing so since no problems are indicated on the computer. Gary will talk to Greene Implement and suggest they provide a solution to this issue.

Chevron signs have been ordered and a curve sign has been placed on Alpine Ave. to preserve the culvert.

Gary indicated that more "No-Parking" signs will be needed on Goose Lake Narrows near the bridge; he will follow up with the Board at the October meeting with more information.

Supervisor Cupit was able to view the culvert on Alpine Ave. and feels water does not seem to be a continuous issue. Supervisor Cupit proposed placing soil as footing and then revisit culvert replacement after the slope has been brought closer to the road. Supervisor Carter would also like to place a guard rail as a safety issue. Gary will place black dirt on the slope.

All four tires on the 1992 dump truck need to be replaced (two are bald and two are at 2/32"). State bid is \$210 each for recap tires. Supervisor Cupit moves to replace the tires at Glens Tire in Mora, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

Leaf Construction was not able to submit his invoice for work on Goose Lake Narrows and the Septic System before the close of the books. He brought in the invoices prior to the meeting and asked if they could be paid at the meeting. Supervisor Carter moved approval of the invoice and of cutting a check tonight, Chair Larkin 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor. A check was cut and signed at this meeting.

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**Treasurers Report**

The board reviewed the treasurer's report.

<b>Blacktop Fund</b>	\$81,639.28	<b>Driveway Fund</b>	\$ 571.79
<b>Equipment Fund</b>	\$4,103.31	<b>Dahlstorp Cemetery</b>	\$9,257.15
<b>Savings</b>	\$ 206,822.60	<b>Checking</b>	\$ 806.02
<b>SSD</b>	\$53,881.70	<b>Receipts</b>	\$ 2000.00

Chair Larkin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #9971 to #9992 for the amount of \$95,715.93, authorize up to \$4000.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$97,000.00 from savings to checking. Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in Favor.

**Appointments**

1. Dale Hebeisen presented a concept plan for a plat on Cedarcrest Court -Horseshoe Lake. The plat will require a portion of the road to be vacated and an easement rededicated to meet Chisago County requirements for the new lots. Any road built will be built to township specification. The concept shows a shared driveway to three future homes. The Board is not opposed to the concept plan. A formal approval will be determined at the presentation of the Preliminary Plat when it is brought before the Town Board in the future. The land owners were notified that there may be additional expenses incurred for vacating the road. They would be responsible for reimbursing the township for advertising, meetings and administrative fees.
2. Becky Geston presented the Board with the Geston Shores preliminary plat to split off 5 acres from an existing parcel on Stark Road across from Fish Lake. Ms. Geston asked the Board for approval of the preliminary plat as well as approval for the final plat subject to no changes. The Board denied her request for pre-approval of the final plat. Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the preliminary plat as presented, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Supervisor Cupit moved approval of the August 2009 minutes with revisions, Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.

**Clerk Report**

None.

**Board Member Reports**

Supervisor Carter attended a meeting for residents of Rolling Shores (470<sup>th</sup>/Cambridge Drive). These residents are on a shared septic system that was originally installed in the 1970's under PCA guidance and then subsequently forgotten by the State of MN. Chisago County is currently helping them with options to update the system. The residents may request the township to help them form an SSD in the future.

Supervisor Carter heard from MAT attorney Eric Hedtke that ownership of a cemetery is a

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mechanism of law. Supervisor Carter is still working on clearing up the title of the Dahlstorp Cemetery on Cty. Road 63 for the strip of land that resulted from the roadbed shifting over time.

Resident Steve Thorpe requested from Chisago County that signage is placed on the Fish Lake Beach Road to notify drivers that the park is ahead. Two signs were placed but one is in the brush and can not be seen very well.

The Trobaugh's received their final notice to remove brush that is in the right of way at their property on Decker Ave. They will have until October 1, 2009 to remove the brush before the township does so and charges the cost back to them.

**Old Business**

Tom Lofboom returned a signed copy for the agreement for his cow fence. Chair Larkin signed it and a copy was sent to Tom and Rick Lofboom.

A door has been purchased for the office/hall entrance. Steel exterior doors for the Hall and Shop will be special order at approximately \$200 each.

The Board was given a draft copy of the newsletter and any changes will be made before sending it to the printer.

**New Business**

None.

**Citizen Comment**

None

Supervisor Cupit moved to adjourn at 10:50 p.m., Supervisor Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. All in favor.