

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
BOARD MINUTES – Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Chairman Hart called the regular January meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisors: Eric Hart, Craig Seliskar, Rod Gruba, Treasurer Don Stocks, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz, and 6 citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with motion by Hart, support by Seliskar & Grubba.

Treasurer's report read and approved as read with motion by Hart, support by Seliskar & Gruba. Receipts of \$116,041.54 were received and disbursements totaled \$19,966.48. Recreation fund balance is \$8,954.67. Funds available to run the township \$417,903.10.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett reported things are a little bit slower right now, with the holidays. He also reported there is snow around the bins and will get out and use the snowblower this coming weekend to clean up around the bins. He also reported the heat is working in the shack, it was a bad thermostat. That has been changed and working great now. He also asked if Supervisor Seliskar had ordered the 3 new "Open Today" signs? Mr. Barrett did advise that they did find one "open today" sign. Seliskar advised he was still working on the signs.

The Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club is asking for donations to help be able to continue to maintain and groom the snowmobile trails of northern Minnesota. They have just purchased their own place after renting for many years from the city of Ely. They also are leasing a new groomer and looking to purchase it outright. They are looking for grants that would require matching funds to purchase. Supervisor Gruba motioned to donate \$3,000.00, support by Hart & Seliskar.

Received a Request from the Ely Music Boosters - The Ely Schools have been awarded the honor of being the first and only school in the state of MN with rights to perform Frozen the Musical in January 2024. They are asking for funds to offset a trip for 50 students to attend the US Touring Cast Perform the musical Frozen in April of 2023. The closest place to see this is in Milwaukee WI. The trip cost is approximately \$15,000.00. Request was tabled until March.

Received Thank you from the Class of 2029 for our donation of cost of students attending Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.

Thank you note received from Jessica Dunn for the hard workers that removed the snow on the roads the morning of 12/15/22.

Cheri DeBeltz was introduced as the new Township Clerk.

MATS new clerk training is being offered. Supervisor Hart motioned, supported by Seliskar and Gruba. To allow Cheri to attend the training date of her choosing. Also, to include room and board, travel, paid time in class. Supervisor Gruba mentioned to keep all receipts.

Meeting dates were agreed upon and set for Budget Meeting on February 9 at 6:00 pm and the Board of Audit Meeting on February 23 at 6:00pm. These meetings will be added to the February Calendar.

Sodium Chloride for dust control- Received email from Jason DiPiazza asking if we were interested in utilizing the Lake County contract for Sodium Chloride dust control on town roads next year. Supervisor Seliskar stated the only road we would need to do dust control on is the Cloquet Line. He advised we will decline Lake County's offer at this time.

Recreation Board allocations are in for 2023. Our allocation stays the same amount of \$10,400.00

Land use and Septic Permits for the Township we Received the following:

Septic Permit for Diane Lindroos of Garden Lake Rd Ely MN

Septic Permit for Barry Weisinger of Cloquet Line Ely MN

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency sent notice of hearing for proposed amendments to rules Governing Water Quality Standards. Zoom link on email.

Discussion of the amount of the rent for use by the Lake County Sheriff's Department for the center garage stall was tabled. Supervisor Hart contacted Officer Adam Borchert about the rental of the garage stall. Officer Borchert stated he talked to Jeff about getting a quote for the work to be done. Supervisor Seliskar asked would this be a year-round rental and Supervisor Hart responded yes it would be. This rental of the garage stall would include water, electricity & heat. A discussion of what going rates for similar stalls could cost in the area. It was agreed upon that Supervisor Hart will contact Officer Borchert and advise \$400.00/mo to include Heat, water, and Electricity. Officer Borchert will have them write up the contract.

All Night Grad Party is tabled until Request was tabled until March.

Supervisor Gruba reported that 1.3 million from Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar office has been working on should be sent. He advised that this should pay back Fall Lake for the \$50,000.00 for the Ambulance building. This money would also need to pay off City of Ely and Morse Township. Any additional money could be used to try and add another garage or building for storage of 2 or more ambulances. There is a Joint Powers meeting this week to hammer out the details of the allocation of funds.

Seliskar – had nothing to report

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Hart reported there is no road report.

Questions from citizens

Dean Barrett – Asked if Supervisor Seliskar had ordered the 3 new “Open Today” signs? Mr. Barrett did advise that they did find one “open today” sign. Seliskar advised he was still working on the signs.

Supervisor Hart motioned and Seliskar and Gruba supported to put an ad in paper for a cleaning person if Cathy is no longer going to be doing it. Treasurer Stocks will follow up with someone else too and get back to clerk DeBeltz if we need to place ad.

Motion by Hart, support by Seliskar & Gruba, to approve and pay the bills.

Motion by Hart, support by Seliskar & Gruba, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.
