

**TOWN OF FALL LAKE**  
**BOARD MINUTES – Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

Chairman Hart called the regular May meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisors: Hart, Gruba, Treasurer Stocks, Clerk DeBeltz and 10 citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with motion by Gruba, second by Seliskar, support Hart.

Treasurer's report read and approved as read with motion by Hart, second by Seliskar and support by Gruba. Receipts of \$5,126.88 were received and disbursements totaled \$68,634.30. Recreation fund balance is \$5,054.83. Funds available to run the township \$283,813.88. In this included was the deposit from Lake County for Tax Forfeit for 2021 in the amount of \$4,161.51

Transfer Site: Transfer Site Attendant Dean Barrett Summer hours are now in effect, Monday, Wednesdays, and Saturdays 8:00 – 4:00. Two garbage bins need to be repaired the rings are damaged and they are not able to secure them without those fixed. The entrance needs some gravel. Also asked if it would be ok to paint the door jam. Can they pick up paint and if so what color? Supervisor Seliskar stated the board will discuss and let them know. Also stated by Supervisor Seliskar that OzFab will be out around 5/3/23 to look at the bins and determine what needs to be done to fix them. Mr. Barrett also stated that he and Rich will work the month of May as Cathy will join the schedule in June. Mr. Barrett also reported someone filled both dumpsters during off hours with black garbage bags, this happens occasionally but this is A LOT more than what has normally happened. Supervisor Gruba stated he will have the garbage company watch for how frequently this seems to be happening.

Received email from our website that was also shared with Morse/Fall Lake fire department, email stated this individual ran into one of our firefighters at the KwikTrip in Cloquet and what a very polite and courteous young lady. They go on to state they wish all firefighters in the state were as nice as this young lady. Wanted to express what a great representative for our FD she is.

MAT (Minnesota Association of Townships) sent a notice that Jim Fisher has resigned from his position as MAT Director for District 10, effective March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. District 10 includes 100 townships in northeastern part of the state. Included are the counties of Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis. MAT will be sending out information to the supervisors on filling that District 10 position for the remainder of the term which ends August 2024.

Clerk DeBeltz reported that after attending the MATS short courses last month that it is recommended by the Minnesota Association of Townships to have a formal records retention on file. A lot of townships have historical documents and need to be retained. Clerk DeBeltz has reached out to the Minnesota Historical Society and there is NO record of Fall Lake Township having a resolution on file with them. Supervisor Gruba made motion to Adopt the Resolution of Record Retention Schedule. Supervisor Hart 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Supervisor Seliskar supported.

Clerk DeBeltz also reported that the Township needs to adopt a formal payroll schedule where employees are paid every thirty-one days. A resolution was recommended that all paystubs be submitted by the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> of the month with paychecks to be issued on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Supervisor Hart made motion to accept resolution as recommended for payroll schedule, Supervisor Seliskar 2<sup>nd</sup> and Supervisor Gruba supported.

Lake County notified that the District one seat for the late Commissioner Walsh filing will be open 5/17/23 – 5/31/23. IF a special primary election is needed it will be held on 8/8/23 and a general election on 11/7/23.

Supervisor Gruba reported the next Ambulance meeting will be held on Thursday 5/3/23. They are negotiating with the hospital things have gotten squared away. Joint powers will be meeting 5/18/23 in Winton at 4:00 pm.

Counties reimburse for Jetting of culverts a bill from Schulze Excavating was received in April for the Jetting and labor of Fall Lake Campground RD and Circle drive. This bill was paid by the township in April and Clerk DeBeltz then sent bill to Fall Lake County to get reimbursed and was told that since they have a "worker" there helping also that our hours should all balance out. This specific instance was Schulze was sent by the county without their help to jet these culverts. Supervisor Hart requested we get a breakdown of exactly the hour the county has done for us to this point this year. Supervisor Seliskar requested since this was requested by the county that they need to pay the bill. Clerk DeBeltz will pursue further will Jason DiPiazza at Lake County.

See the road inspection report on file. The roads don't look horrible. Need some gravel and grading. Suset road 1<sup>st</sup> section has been done and graded already. Logs are coming out of the Cloquet line. Supervisor Gruba made motion to keep meeting open to include contractors Jeff Schulze and Phil Hegfors in discussions about road and not violate open meeting laws. Support from Supervisor Hart and Seliskar. Supervisor Hart will work with contractors and let Clerk DeBeltz know when they can meet.

Supervisor Seliskar made motion to remove the revitalization of the town hall from the agenda. Supervisors Hart and Gruba supported.

Supervisor Seliskar made motion to remove the Rent for the Garage stall from the agenda. Supervisors Hart and Gruba supported.

Supervisor Hart reported a tree was down on point drive and it has been taken care of. the

Supervisor Seliskar stated that bags for the Transfer site should be set for a while now.

Supervisor Gruba stated the ambulance is getting squared away.

Citizen Maggie Jesme from Ely is trying to buy home in Fall Lake township. She wanted to bring awareness that a lot of homes are going to out of state investors and going to then short-term rentals. Prices are up there a shortage of affordable housing. They cannot compete with out of state investors. She asked if the Township would consider adopting a moratorium on short-term rentals. Supervisor Hart advised her Lake County already has a moratorium on short-term rentals and we must honor that since we are in Lake County. He also advised her to come and discuss this with the Lake County Commissioners on June 20 @ 6:00pm when they are here. Supervisor Gruba also stated that if the moratorium were to end Lake County also only allows a certain percentage of short-term rentals.

Citizen Ernie Seliskar asked, "Are we going to get gravel in the roads this summer?" The response was yes that is the goal.

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

Moved to personnel meeting at by Hart at 6:42 pm, support by Seliskar and Gruba. The regular meeting will continue when the contractors can attend.

Meeting reconvened 5/10/23 called to order at 5:00 – present were Supervisor Hart, Supervisor Seliskar, Supervisor Gruba, Deputy Clerk Seliskar, Jeff Schulze, & Phil Hegfors.

Charmain Hart called meeting to order and explained to Mr. Schulze and Mr. Hegfors is to discuss summer projects for the township roads.

A discussion on who has gravel and where to get and where to use it. Supervisor Gruba will talk to Aaron Luestik

A discussion was had on road projects across the township. Ditching culverts and gravel. Mr. Hegfors will ride with one of the Supervisors to look at specific projects.

Grader rate is \$155.00/hr

Belly dump \$135.00 - Hegfors

Quad dump truck \$125.00 - Schulze and tandem \$100.00

Hauling mat & grading \$365.00/hr – Hegfors

Hauling mat & grading \$360.00/hr – Schulze

Will look at Culvert on Shady lane.

Supervisor Seliskar talked to John Pierce at USFS there might be funds available to make parking safer at Discovery Lake on Snowbank Rd.

Ditching a priority and a discussion was had about how much Lake County is helping Jeff. He said they currently are not. He trained the County employee how to use the steamer on the first culvert this spring and they county never used it anymore after that this year.

Supervisor Seliskar to look into a permit for fill for reject rock on ditching.

Supervisor Hart will call for sweeping.

Supervisor Hart made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:08 pm. Supervisor Seliskar 2<sup>nd</sup>.