

**TOWN OF FALL LAKE**  
**BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

Chairman Hart called the regular August meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisor Eric Hart, Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Supervisor Sheila Gruba, Treasurer Don Stocks, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with the edits provided by Sheila Gruba motion by Supervisor Sheila Gruba made the motion to approve after the edits have been made. Supervisor Eric Hart 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and was supported by Supported Craig Seliskar.

Treasurer's report read and approved as read with motion by Supervisor Eric Hart, seconded by Supervisor Craig Seliskar & supported by Sheila Gruba. Receipts of \$35,285.66 were received and disbursements totaled \$115,686.26. Recreation fund balance is \$7,905.50. Funds available to run the township are \$358,907.94.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett stated Really busy 2 bins of recycling need to be picked up. Brush pile also needs to be pushed back. He notified Supervisor Craig Seliskar that one of the dumpsters needs fixing. Mr. Barret has spoken to OzFab about welding this and Section 30 will leave the dumpster upside down to have repair done. Supervisor Eric Hart advised he does not have a price on new metal signs yet. The price for new yard signs is 10 for \$130.00.

Supervisor Criag Seliskar made a motion to get a mix of signs saying open and the new pet policy for the price of 10 for \$130.00. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2<sup>nd</sup> and Supervisor Eric Hart supported the motion.

**Correspondence**

Received a note from Ely Historic State Theater acknowledging Fall Lake Township with a silver seat plate in the Historic Theater in Row L seat #1.

Lake county Hazard Mitigation has sent a notice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Team Meeting to be held on Wednesday September 11, 2024, 1:30 – 2:30.

Received an email from Wendy Lindsay advising that the Ely Marathon will be held again this year on September 21. Things will remain the same as in past years.

RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools) sent an informational flyer for Youth Mental Health Day 2024 September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, or 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 3:00.

Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability is holding an E-Waste Expo and Collection Event to be held on Saturday October 5, 2024, at the City of Mt. Iron, 9:00 -3:00

Ely Area Senior Citizens Inc sent out a Thank you card for our continued generous support.

Minnesota Association of Townships sent out notice of District 10 Election and Meeting on Thursday August 29, 2024, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Grand Lake Town Hall.



## **New Business**

Clerk DeBeltz received interest from 3 new potential Election Judges. Mary Schwinghamer, Linda Sutton, and Gary Nevalainen.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to approve the new elections judges Mary Schwinghamer, Linda Sutton, and Gary Nevalainen, Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

## **Old Business**

Sunset Road – LRIP – Supervisor Sheila Gruba gave an update on status. The next step is to have the Geotechnical Evaluation done. A bid was presented from Twin Ports Testing for \$8,329.00. This bid does not include clearing of an 8ft swatch and grinding of the stumps. Supervisor Eric Hart suggested that we need to reach out to all our contractors to get a bid on this work. (Jeff Schulze, Phil Hegfors, and Aaron Nichol森) Supervisor Craig Seliskar suggested easiest to get all of them in the same place at the same time, present the information and then have them present a bid that would come before the board for approval.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to approve the drill and core work from Twin Ports Testing in the amount of \$8,329.00. But we still need the bids for the “grub” work. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2<sup>nd</sup> and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported.

Locust Lane – advised an email has been sent out to Bob Ruppe the attorney regarding all the questions presented at the last meeting.

Power Dam Road – Clerk Cheri DeBeltz gave update regarding the power dam road. She advised that she is working with Bob Ruppe on the legal issues with the Power Dam Road. Getting the Road Vacation legalized from 1994 and trying to get the Power Dam Road memorialized as public.

Warren Johnson Parcel Sale –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar spoke to Mr. Warren Johnson, and he would still like to move ahead with this. Keep moving forward and have us draw up a purchase agreement.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have our attorney draw or draft up a purchase agreement for the Warren Johnson parcels. Supervisor Eric Hart 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported.

Community Center Group –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar gave update and stated next step is to now figure out exactly what we need for the new building. There is a small group meeting on 9/20 @ 6:00 regarding UMD grant, Claire Nelson Center cost/feasibility study/process, Ely Tourism Bureau as a fiscal agent, Blandin Start up grant committee formation.

Also Inviting all Fall Lake Township Residents to a meeting on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at Fall Lake Town Hall. This is to start forming committees and groups for this.

Weisinger Townhall doors –

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to have 1 chairperson from the public and 4 other community members to a committee 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Sheila Gruba Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised she was notified that some timbers or old railroad tie were starting to come back up through the road on the Cloquet Line. Supervisor Craig Seliskar has spoke to the contractor Jeff Schulze and reminded him that some class 5 can be put on the road.



Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised the board the OJ's HVAC is coming to the townhall next week to service the furnace and the mini split.

Commissioner Joe Baltich sent an email to the township advising that he had attended a seminar about Cannabis Laws and was under the understanding that we need to adopt a formal resolution to delegate it to the county if we don't want to manage it. A discussion was had, and Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will reach out to the county and Minnesota Association of Townships for guidance on this.

### **Supervisor Comments**

#### **Supervisor Craig Seliskar**

He went up to Snowbank Road to check on that yesterday. That road is not in too bad condition. The U.S. Forest Service has delivered Class 5 to the discovery lake access but told us to spread it around. He has spoken to Phil Hegfors and he could go up and take care of it.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have Phil Hegfors level the pile of dirt left by the U.S. Forest Service at Discovery Lake. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd and Supervisor Eric Hart supported.

They will table the Snowbank Road project until the October meeting. Supervisor Craig Seliskar has been on multiple roads and all of them need grading, he has made Jeff Schulze aware of this as well.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to cover the area where the bins, the roadway, fix the snowplow gravel pile, and put gravel down at the transfer site. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart supported.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to talk to OzFab about fixing dumpsters at the transfer site. Supervisor Eric Hart 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba Supported

#### **Supervisor Sheila Gruba**

There will be a Lodging Tax meeting on 9/28 at 9:00 am at the Morse Town Hall.

There will be a RAMS meeting on 9/26 at 6:00 pm in Coleraine.

She also advised on Aurora or Borealis the trees are growing out of the road. She feels they should be removed.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to have Jeff Schulze remove the trees from either Aurora or Borealis. Supervisor Eric Hart 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

#### **Supervisor Eric Hart**

He attended a meeting for the ambulance and in his opinion, it is about 50/50. Some are for and some against. Some want more information. There is going to be a study group/ He is willing to take it on.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to have Eric Hart be on the Ambulance study group. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion.

#### **Commissioner Joe Baltich –**

He advised that Lake County recently passed a moratorium for 3 months on Cannabis. He recommended we reach out to Matt Huddleston for more information and make sure Fall Lake Township is covered under that moratorium.



He was also there with Rod Gruba on behalf of the Ambulance Board of directors. They advised that the board is NOT interested in turning the ambulance over to the hospital. They have been working on making improvements to make our lives and the hospital lives better. They would like to see if Fall Lake Township could increase the Ambulance Budget from \$35,000 to \$45,000 from Lake County. Supervisor Eric Hart asked would all the other entities also be asked or expected to increase? Everyone should pay equal portions. Commissioner Baltich stated that there are issues to work on with the Hospital but does feel they can be worked out.

**Citizens**

Ernie Seliskar –


Does Lake County plan on fixing washouts on the side of the road? Commissioner Baltich did not have an answer.

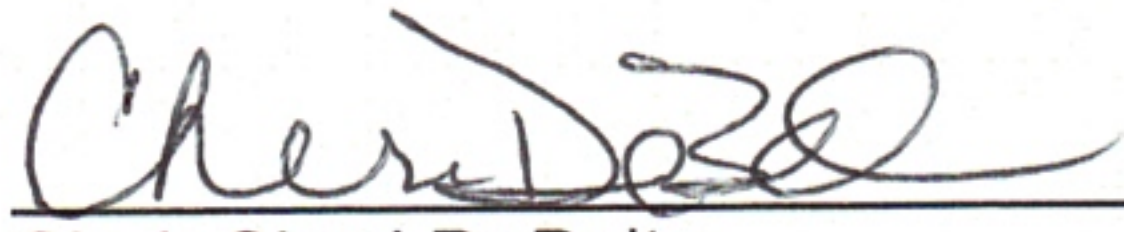
Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked for a short personal meeting after this meeting.

Motion by Eric Hart, 2nd by Craig Seliskar & supported Sheila Gruba, to approve and pay the bills.

Motion by Eric Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Seliskar and supported by Sheila Gruba, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

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 10-2-24  
Chairman Eric Hart Date

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Clerk Cheri DeBeltz Date