

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
BOARD MINUTES – Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Chair Seliskar called the regular February meeting to order at 6:01 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisors: Seliskar, Hart, Gruba, Treasurer Stocks, Deputy Clerk Gruba, and 5 citizens.

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

Treasurer's report read and approved as read with motion by Seliskar support by Gruba & Hart. Receipts of \$853.91 were received and disbursements totaled \$41,506.17. Recreation fund balance is \$15,003.21. Funds available to run the township \$362,802.21. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Support by Hart and Gruba.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett reported Evelyn Kuzma is "moving on." He will work February and through March until March 23, 2022. Discussion ensued about frequency of snow removal at the transfer site. No change to current frequency.

Motion by Supervisor Hart to run an ad for two weeks for the Transfer Site Attendant's position in the Ely Echo and the Ely Shopper. Motion by Seliskar, support by Gruba and Hart to raise the pay to \$20 per hour and advertise it as full-time or part-time positions.

Motion by Supervisor Seliskar, support by Hart and Gruba, to raise Dean Barrett's pay to \$20 per hour starting March 1, 2022.

Motion by Supervisor Seliskar to donate \$700 for the All-Night Graduation Party from the Recreation Fund. Support by Hart and Gruba.

Letter received from Lake County Environmental Services Planning & Zoning Department. The Interim vacation rental for 404 Shady Lane, Ely, MN was approved on January 24, 2022.

Letter received from St Louis County Planning & Community Development about the HOME Program Consortium Joint Powers Agreement regarding participation in it. No action needed by Fall Lake Township to remain in the consortium. The county, city and township governments within Lake, St Louis, Koochiching, Itasca, and Cook counties have partnered since 1992 in the Northeast HOME Consortium. It was created through a Joint Powers Agreement signed by each jurisdiction that allowed access to HOME Program Funding administered by HUD. HOME funding supports a first-time home buyer program in the five counties and funding to develop rental and home ownership projects throughout the region.

Letter received from RAMS regarding the election of the Board of Directors. Paul Kess, Ely City Council, and Bob Berrini, Town of Morse were elected to the Board.

A copy of a Letter received from Raymond Churack to the Lake County Recreation Board. Fall Lake will receive \$10,400 again for 2022. Annual reports are no longer necessary. A journal should be kept instead. If the funds are spent on new projects, receipts must be sent to Raymond Churack, Lake County Recreation Board Contact Person. Vouchers will be sent May/June and September/October.

Received an email from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. A survey will be sent by them about climate change.

Supervisor Hart reported the roads are in good shape.

Supervisor Seliskar presented a \$2220.00 proposal for electric work from Cunningham Electric for the following: replacement of the outside lights on the front of the Fall Lake Township fire hall controlled with photo eye cell; replace the existing arm light on the back of the town hall with LED fixture; replace the light in the furnace room; and replace the fluorescent lamps in the office with LED lamps, bypassing ballast in the existing fixtures. Motion by Supervisor Hart, support by Seliskar and Gruba to accept the bid with the stipulation the outside lights must be down lights.

Supervisor Seliskar received a request for requirements for temporary access for a logger on the Garden Lake Rd. No sign or culvert is needed. A culvert is needed when it is wet.

Citizen questioned the status of the proposed route on Sunset Rd. Supervisor Gruba responded it is tabled as no funds are available at this time.

Upcoming Meetings

Budget Meeting: February 8, 2022, to follow Personnel Meeting

Special Meeting realignment of Ernie's Rd: February 15, 2022, at 2 pm.

Board of Audit: February 22, 2022, at 6 pm.

Next regular Board Meeting: March 1, 2022, at 6 pm.

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

Regular meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm and Personnel meeting followed. Motion by Seliskar, support by Hart and Gruba. Personnel Meeting followed.

Budget Meeting to start after Personnel Meeting.