

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
BOARD MINUTES – Tuesday, March 1, 2022

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

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

Minutes of the February 15, 2022, Special Meeting for Ernie's Road approved with motion by Seliskar, second by Gruba, support by Hart.

Treasurer's report read and approved as read with motion by Hart support by Seliskar & Gruba. Receipts of \$148,321.61 were received and disbursements totaled \$55,017.80. Recreation fund balance is \$14,303.53. Funds available to run the township \$336,106.02. Received \$16,868.00 from Lake County for our Town Rd account from the 2022 Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Hart, second by Seliskar, support Gruba. \$120,000 from Lovin Lake County Lodging Tax funds will be held in our account until a special account is set up by the Joint Powers Lodging Board.

Transfer Site: Transfer Site Attendant Dean Barrett reported it is busy. Evelyn Kuzma will be a backup. She will work for him on March 26. We need someone to work on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Discussion ensued about the grader, snow removal, and the need for use of the brush pile soon.

Received a letter from Lake County Highway Department County Engineer Jason DiPiazza about the 2022 Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF) Town Road Distributions. The letter confirmed Fall Lake Township has maintained 19.9 miles of Town Roads (of the countywide total of 136.548 miles) open to traveling public in 2021. Fall Lake Township received \$16,868.00 for our portion that must be spent on roads.

A property owner on the Villa Rd is selling her home located on a lake backlot property. Rachel LaCount, Realtor of the property asked if a lake water line that goes through Albert Shober's property can be run through the fire line in the event the water line fails. Tabled. Deputy Clerk Gruba will call the MN Association of Townships to determine the legality of the request prior to the board decision.

Deputy Clerk Gruba reported to the supervisors there is a Volunteer Firefighter Gear Giveaway. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2022. The Minnesota Association of Townships has details on their website.

2022 Spring Short Courses by the Minnesota Association of Townships are March 14, 15, and 16, 2022. Participants can attend via Zoom or call. Due to Covid meetings were cancelled. Supervisor Hart will try to attend the March 14 meeting. Fall Lake Township will reimburse the fee, if any.

Resolution #122.03 - Spend \$23,664.72 of American Rescue Plan Funds on Lost Revenue Category was presented to the board. Funds will be transferred from the COVID Fund to the General Fund and can be spent on normal township expenditures. Motion by Seliskar, second by Gruba, support by Hart pass the resolution allocate the funds to this category. The switch of the use of funds for this purpose was approved by the plan.

Resolution #122.04 – Spend American Rescue Plan Funds on Technologies Improvement was presented to the board. The township purchased and installed smart equipment to have ZOOM capacity in the public meeting room due to Covid. \$6069.87 was spent in 2021. Motion to pass the resolution by Seliskar, second by Hart, support by Gruba to allocate the funds to this category.

The supervisors, Treasurer and Deputy Clerk signed US Department of Treasury Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and compliance of Civil Rights requirements for the American Rescue Act document. These are a requirement to obtain American Rescue Act funds.

Resolution #122.02 – Resolution for Senator Tom Bakk and Representative Rob Ecklund to introduce legislation to provide funding for the Ely Area Ambulance Service for \$3,200,000 for a new ambulance garage facility. Motion by Hart to pass the resolution, second by Seliskar, support by Gruba.

Treasurer Don Stocks will complete the Minnesota Management and Budget Survey related to the American Rescue Plan.

Email request from Carrie Olson, Complete Broadband Solutions, for a blanket permit for 2022 and 2023 and to do work on Mine Rd using Frontier poles. Deputy Clerk was advised to respond Mine Rd is a Lake County Road, not a township road.

Received a survey from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding climate change. Supervisor Gruba completed the survey on paper. Support by Seliskar and Hart to respond to the survey as Gruba indicated.

Received a Thank you note from the Ely Winter Festival for funds donated to the event.

Hart will provide the annual Road Inspection Report and indicate what was completed in 2021.

The Annual Meeting is Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Voting for one supervisor three-year term starts at 12 noon and ends at 8 pm. Votes will be tallied, the Board of Canvass will review, and the annual meeting will start at approximately 8:30 pm.

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

A Resolution is needed to Re-establish Precincts and Polling Place was tabled so the meeting was recessed.

Personnel meeting followed.

The meeting reconvened on March 15, 2022, at 5:30 pm. Supervisor Seliskar, Hart, Gruba and Deputy Clerk Gruba present. Rich Hyrkas and Cathy Braun were interviewed and hired for Transfer Site Attendants. Meeting was recessed.

The meeting reconvened on March 22, 2022, at 6:02 pm. Supervisor Seliskar, Hart, Gruba and Deputy Clerk Gruba present. Motion by Supervisor Gruba, support by Seliskar and Hart, to re-establish precinct and polling place at Fall Lake Township Hall.

Motion by Gruba, second by Hart, support by Seliskar to deny access for Mary Ann Shober's lake water line, if it fails, through the fire lane on the Villa Rd, due to possible legal ramification as advised/identified by the Minnesota Association of Township attorney.

Motion by Gruba, second by Hart, support by Seliskar to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm.