

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Chairman Hart called the regular January 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 were given to the supervisors for review. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart supported the motion.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Don Stocks and approved as read with motion by Supervisor Eric Hart, seconded by Supervisor Sheila Gruba & supported by Supervisor Craig Seliskar. Receipts of \$59,875.76 were received and disbursements totaled \$75,144.10. The recreation fund balance is \$10,606.30. Funds available to run the township are \$315,565.10.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett trained in new fill in employee Todd Garvey. The bins were exchanged out for recycling. One of the bins is tipped over for OzFab to come out and repair.

Correspondence

Minnesota Pollution Control sent an email to advise there is a grant available to upgrade stormwater systems for the impacts of climate change. Applications due by 4pm on Thursday February 27, 2025.

Minnesota Pubic Facilities Authority sent instructions for the 2026 Project Priority Lista and Intended Use Plans. Submissions are not being accepted to place public wastewater, stormwater, and drinking water infrastructure improvement projects on the 2026 Project Priority Lists (PPL).

We received a Thank you from Ely Winter Festival for supporting the 2025 Ely Winter Festival.

Minnesota Association of Townships sent an email with a legislative update and issues facing townships across the state.

Ely Community Resources sent their quarterly update and a note of Thank You for our continued support.

A Thank you was received from the Ely Nordic Wolves for the donation of \$400.00. The funds are being used to purchase new race wax for the team.

Ely Historic State Theater send a Than you for our donation for the amount \$500.00.

Received an email from resident Susan Wold – she has concerns about the Power Dam Road and if there is going to be any changes to the part of the road that goes through her property. Any changes would negatively impact two campsites and other features of her property. Could there be signs for public safety, speed limits and possibly a pedestrian crossing or whatever is appropriate.

A discussion was had and decided that Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will contact Ms. Wold and let her know that the supervisors will evaluate the condition of the road and any necessary signage and other safety issues at the annual road inspection in the spring.

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz also reminded everyone that it is time to start thinking about Spring Short Courses and possible dates and locations that will work if anyone is interested in attending.

New Business

Lake County Cannabis Ordinance – Clerk Cheri DeBeltz received the finalized copy of the Cannabis Ordinance from Lake County to have on file here.

Calcium Chloride Dust Control 2025 – Lake County reached out asking us if we would like to participate in the program for this year 2025. A discussion was had and determined that Sunset Road, Cloquet Line will need to be done this year. Then a request from a resident asked if the board would consider adding Voyager Road. Supervisor Craig Seliskar will reach out to Lake County with the requested information.

Budget Meeting Date – Wednesday February 26, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Board of Audit Meeting Date – Wednesday February 26, 2025 @ 5:00 pm

March Meeting change time? - a discussion was had about changing the start time of the March 5th meeting. It was decided to change to the date of Tuesday March 4th at 6:00pm

Election Judges for the March Supervisor Election – Nancy McReady, Teresa Sagen, Cheri DeBeltz, Gary Nevalainen, Delores Delany.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to accept the elections judges Nancy McReady, Teresa Sagen, Cheri DeBeltz, Gary Nevalainen, Delores Delany, Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart supported.

Lake County Board of Commissioner Committee of the whole would like to meet at Fall Lake Township on June 17, 2025. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz confirmed with the board members that everyone is available that date.

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz also received an email from Lake County Assessor asking if the board is available for the Local Board of Appeal meeting on Thursday May 8, 2025. All the supervisors are available that date.

Beaver Contract – Supervisor Craig Seliskar received an email from the USDA asking is Fall Lake Township going to interested in renewing the agreement for \$2,000.00 to remove beaver and their dams in 2025.

A motion was made by supervisor Eric Hart to renew the contract with the USDA for \$2000.00 for the year of 2025. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

Lodging Tax Board – Treasurer Don Stocks asked the board to have Supervisor Sheila Gruba be the representative for Fall Lake Township on the Lodging Tax Board, he does not have time to fulfill that role right now. There was also a discussion as to some of the things going on with Lodging Tax Board.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have Supervisor Sheila Gruba be the liaison on the Ely Area Lodging Tax board and Treasure Don Stocks will be the alternate. Supervisor Eric Hart 2nd the motion. Supervisor Sheila Gruba did not vote

Broad Band – Supervisor Sheila Gruba gave an update on a RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools) and the broadband situation here in Fall Lake Township. Mr. Paul Peltier, Executive Director, would like to come and present to the town board about how RAMS could help citizens of Fall Lake Township.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have Paul Peltier come and present at the next town meeting. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart will support the discussion (anything further he will have to abstain due to conflict)

St. Louis County Salt/Sand Bill – we received our bill for salt/sand and it was for the amount of \$7239.60, when last year we were only billed \$1965.10 for the same product and amount. Supervisor Craig Seliskar will look into this billing and figure out what happened.

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – Supervisor Sheila Gruba gave an update on status. Jeff Goetzman from MSA sent a project update letter and that was given to each supervisor on the board for review.

Community Center Group – Supervisor Craig Seliskar the group met the other night. They were not selected for the grant. The group is now trying to figure out where to go next. Commissioner Joe Baltich stated he will continue to try and work with other state, county, and federal groups for possible help.

Parking Lot Purchase from Lake County – Commissioner Joe Baltich he gave update and said the purchase is on the stack to be on the agenda. Should be pretty quick.

Commissioner Joe Baltich – Gave his update of what he has been going on at the county level and the projects he has been working with.

2025 Aggregate from Lake County – The board is still not ready to make a decision on this yet.

Recreational Funds Request –

None at this time

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Sheila Gruba – She has a virtual meeting set up with Matt Pollmann and MN Power regarding the highwater on White Iron Lake this past summer. Commissioner Joe Baltich stated he is on the board of Rainy River Headwaters. Commissioner Baltich will write to Executive director Rainy Headwaters to see if there is anything they can do.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar – Jeff Schulz has been out plowing

Supervisor Eric Hart – he attended the Joint Powers Ambulance meeting. They will be meeting quarterly now. The check that we sent to them was sent back to us. The board will be sending a new invoice. A conversation was had regarding are there any restrictions on the funds we get

from Lake County. Commissioner Joe Baltich will check on that and get back to Supervisor Eric Hart.

Citizens

Ed Seliskar – Kawishiwi Falls and Highway 2 rest rooms, why do they get shut down. These could and would be utilized by citizen traveling on the road. Commissioner Joe Baltich will check.

Nancy McReady – Jake Tackvam used to plow the Farm Lake public access. Trucks are trying to use it to unload snowmobiles and are unable. A discussion was had about who owns it Commissioner Joe Baltich will check.

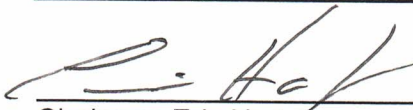
Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar and Supported by Supervisor Sheila Gruba, to approve and pay the bills.


Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar and Supported by Supervisor Sheila Gruba, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Personnel Meeting was starting immediately following.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion was made to send \$100 ZUP's gift Card and \$50.00 Bloomers arrangement to Len Cersine family. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Sheila Gruba and supported by Supervisor Eric Hart.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to adjourn personnel meeting at 8:30 pm and 2nd Shelia Gruba and supported by Supervisor Eric Hart.

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