

TOWN OF FALL LAKE

BOARD MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING – Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Chairman Hart called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisor Eric Hart, Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz, and 5 citizens - Hudson Kingston, John Pierce, Adam Masloski, Henry Jacob-Gordon, and Nancy McReady.

Supervisor & Chairperson Eric Hart introduced the board members and noted Treasurer Don Stocks was not able to make the meeting. He then gave a brief explanation of what the meeting was for. This meeting is to let interested candidates for the now vacant supervisor position. This will be a 1 year appointed term. After that time the person or someone will need to file and run for the position as an elected official. Each person that has expressed interest will be given time to speak before the board, they will go in order of when the clerk Cheri DeBeltz was notified of their interest.

Henry Jacob-Gordon –

He explained he has been a resident of Fall Lake Township since 1987. He has always had a great interest in this position but never wanted to challenge or run against anyone. He felt everyone has been doing a great job. He considers this township special and historic. He loves coming into the townhall and seeing the photos on the wall of the area where he now lives. He says an important aspect of a township supervisor is to be accessible to the public. He sees and talks to a lot of people at his job at Zups Food Market in Ely. He is very aware of the issues this township has had in the past 20 years one of those he remembers. One of those issues is still a very large need or necessity for broadband access. He feels you should be able to talk to one another, respect everyone. You may not agree with everyone but be able to work with and come to a consensus to work on something. One of his passions is his ATV. He feels this would be great for Ely and Fall Lake Township.

Adam Masloski –

Moved to Ely about 20 years ago. He is the Administrator at Boundary Waters Nursing Home. He has worked there for about 18 years working his way up and going back to school to get his masters to get his administrator's license. He values taking care of the elderly in this area. Moved into Fall Lake Township on the Villa Road about 5 years ago. Prior to that he had lived in Winton. Where he was a city counselor for 7 or 8 years. He has some experience with small government. He loves the area, loves making a difference in peoples lives, and loves helping people. He saw the posting for this and thought he would love to do this. He has a strong background in finance and management which he feels would be two key things he would bring to the table.

John Pierce –

Moved to the Ely area in 1981 for college. He eventually built a home in Fall Lake Township in 2001. He is really about 50/50 on the fence about serving in this position at this time. He is going to be retiring from the U.S. Forest Service in 2025 and is not sure what he wants to do right now. He also stated further down the road he may be interested in being a supervisor. He is willing to help the township however he can. He has always found that the township has always been very reachable. He wants to be help in anyway he can.

Hudson Kingston -

He moved around a lot but Ely has always been home. He currently lives in the home his grandparents built on Garden Lake Road. He stated that Fall Lake Township is a unique and

wonderful place and wants to be of service. His family like others is also still waiting for broadband to be connected. He learns something new every time he comes to a meeting. He knows he still has a lot to learn. He respects what the board does. As he stated in the email, he sent the board he is also interested in helping secure grants for the Community Center project. Wants to collaborate with other units of government is really important accessing resources from other people even just I He has a legal background and is not afraid of the imitations of what local government can do. He would love to be useful he is NOT a politician he would rather talk to people than to make signs.

Supervisor Eric Hart did advise we would adjourn shortly and go into a personnel meeting. Then we will follow up with each of them tonight to advise of the decision. He Thanked everyone for stepping up and being willing to be considered. Supervisor Seliskar stated it is amazing that we had four people step up willing to try this. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz stated also how wonderful it would be to be able to reach out to some of them even if they are not chosen as they have all a unique facet they could help bring to the board on a different project or issue.

Supervisor Eric Hart moved to adjourn this meeting and move into a personal meeting. Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked before they did that if there were any questions from anyone.

Hudson Kingston asked "How do they go about rescheduling a meeting if needed?" Supervisor Craig Seliskar stated we could meet with two supervisors present but we can and will rescheduled to accommodate around all of the board. Then an explanation was provided how to go about that with communication to the Clerk Cheri DeBeltz if it is something that comes up immediately or between meetings, there are a certain number of days for required posting of a meeting change that the clerk does need to follow.

John Pierce asked "What is the townships relationship with the rest of the county?" How would you define that? Supervisor Craig Seliskar with Commissioner Joe Baltich in place it has been easier flow of information, but the county has always been very easy to work with and talk to. John stated it is very important to maintain good relations with the county.

The supervisors also explained to everyone that they also sit on other boards and committees such as the Morse/Fall Lake Fire department, RAMS, Lodging Tax Board, and the Ambulance Joint Powers Board just to name a few.

Supervisor Eric Hart also mentioned that Minnesota Association of Townships holds short courses each year for new and current supervisors, clerks, and treasurers. He stated it would be very beneficial for the person appointed to attend one of them this year. The two closest are in Grand Rapids on Thursday April 3rd and Duluth on Friday April 4th. Expenses would be reimbursed at the current approved rates for lodging, miles and meals.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to adjourn and Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion. To then continue in a personal meeting.

Most of the attendees left the building John Pierce and Nancy McReady had stayed and were talking for a few minutes. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz took a restroom break.

Then motion to adjourn was rescinded and the meeting continued. Nancy McReady was the only one who was there to continue to report for the Ely Echo.

Supervisor Eric Hart appreciated Henry Jacob-Gordon's passion for the history of the township. Supervisor Craig Seliskar also pointed out he is a people person. But they both agreed no experience in government.

Supervisor Eric Hart liked that Adam Masloski has a business and finance background. Supervisor Craig Seliskar likes that fact that he has experience with Winton City Council, which is very similar to Fall Lake Township. Supervisor Hart added with everyone here today Adam Masloski would make a good choice.

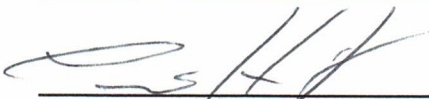
Supervisor Eric Hart went onto John Pierce – he made it pretty evident that he would not be interested in the position at this time. He would have been a great choice in my book. Hopefully in a few years he will continue with this interest. Or if there is anything with the township that would be a great help. He thinks that we honor his wishes and take him out of contention. Supervisor Seliskar also added he has worked with John Pierce on projects like the Snowbank Road, Cloquet Line, and snowmobile club he has great qualities and has always been great to work with.

Supervisor Eric Hart then brought up Hudson Kingston. He thinks he would also make a great candidate. He regularly attends meetings; the law degree comes into play. He is active in the community, on the Ely Library Board, shows interest in the community center. Supervisor Craig Seliskar pointed out that in an email to the board that Hudson advised he would have to resign from the library board. Supervisor Craig Seliskar would not want to make someone decide on one or the other.

Supervisor Eric Hart personally he has narrowed it down to two choices. His choices are Adam Masloski or Hudson Kingston due to past experience. Supervisor Craig Seliskar agreed with those two choices.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to appoint Adam Masloski to a 1-year term supervisor. Supervisor Eric Hart he does like Adams Masloski background in administrative he could be a good fit he could come right being he was with Winton. Supervisor Eric Hart supported the motion.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion the meeting was adjourned.

 4/2/25
Chairman Eric Hart Date

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Clerk Cheri DeBeltz Date