

TOWN OF FALL LAKE

BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday January 7, 2026

Chairman Hart called the regular September meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisor Eric Hart, Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Supervisor Adam Masloski, Treasurer Don Stocks, and Deputy Clerk Emily Seliskar and 5 citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting were given to the supervisors for review.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to accept the minutes. Supervisor Adam Masloski 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 Craig Seliskar, seconded by Supervisor Adam Masloski and supported by Supervisor Eric Hart. Receipts of \$189,862.58 were received and disbursements totaled \$18,292.30. The recreation fund balance is \$12,257.38. Funds available to run the township are \$413,487.10.

Transfer Site: Doug Scheibe last 3 weekends pretty busy. Four trash bins were full and contacted Eric Gruba to come and empty. The oil bin is REALLY full. Supervisor Craig Seliskar will contact them again to come and empty. Dean Barrett is on the mend after some medical issues.

Correspondence

Received a Holiday card and cookies from MSA

Also received a Holiday card from Phil Hegfors & Son Construction

Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) sent reminder email Housing and Future of the Iron Range event will be held on Thursday Jan 8, 2025 at 4:00 – 6:00 at the Mineland Rec, Chisholm.

Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) sent reminder email Iron Ore Market Trends will be held Monday January 12, 2026 5:00 – 6:30 NESC, Mt. Iron

New Business

Budget Meeting & Audit meetings need to be scheduled – Budget Meeting February 24, 2026 6:00 p.m. and then Audit meeting to follow after budget meeting.

Phil Hegfors Bid – received a bid for brushing and cutting trees down on Cloquet Line, on right side of the County Line to 2nd piece of high ground about ½ mile of road. 30 ft back from Edge of Road. A discussion was had and agreed to table this until the February 4th meeting.

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – MSA is working with Lake County to finalize the bid package. Lake County will help township advertise, open bids and award to contractor. The process will go as follows –

1. Advertise online (Nor Shore journal, Ely Echo (by Fall Lake Township), other publications (by Fall Lake Township); Typically done on a Friday
2. Open bids – 25 days after ad
3. Fall Lake Township Board recommends award of bid (presume this would be at a regular meeting)
4. Lake County Board awards bid (assuming Fall Lake Township awards)
5. Fall Lake Township will need to obtain a mineral testing firm to sample and test the grading material according to MN Dot's testing requirements. MSA will send out 3 firms with price quotes for those firms.

Jason DiPiazza needs us to discuss the final scheduling and approval dates for the Sunset Road for the contractor Bids. We will need to have a special meeting.

We will need to hold a special meeting to open bids and review and make recommendation of contractor.

Community Center Group – meet with Lake County Sheriff's Department, Lake County Emergency Management, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz, Bollig Engineering and the Community Center group. Very interested in utilizing space in part of this building. One change would be trying to get a full gym and not just a ½ gym. Reach out to other interested parties. Commissioner Joe Baltich he talked to Ida Rukavina she said if she is unable to come to next meeting then Whitney can come. They are going to work on a preliminary meeting with IRRR before we have the whole group meeting.

Capital Improvement Projects – Table till February

Recreational Funds Request – None at this time

Commissioner Joe Baltich - gave us an update thing he has been doing.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Craig Seliskar – Has a question for Commissioner Baltich – when will the county allow to burn the Firewise brush pile that the county has behind the town hall? Commissioner Baltich will look into it.

Supervisor Eric Hart- our last meeting we did get a bill the Ely Area Joint Powers Ambulance. He is recommending we pay this bill today, but at the time that Lake County sends us our next allotment we take that amount off the top and reimburse ourselves for that bill paid. That way we are still on good terms with Joint Powers. Commissioner Baltich will make note of it that in May we will be taking the \$6500.00 from our allotment in May. Also bill for the Joint Powers Legislative Meeting was not paid yet. Treasurer Don Stocks advised that the bill is in the pile to be paid today.

Supervisor Adam Masloski – he attended the lodging tax meeting. They are moving toward the MN department of Revenue to collect the taxes. They will need a copy of each township lodging tax ordinance. He reached out to Clerk Cheri DeBeltz to get a copy of our agreement. He will give to the attorney for review. They also passed a 2/3 budget.

Roads Reports – They are frozen.

Citizens –

Ernie Seliskar wanted to know how much money was the IRRR funding for the new community center study.


Future Meetings:


Morse Fall Lake Fire Meeting – Wednesday January 21st at Morse Townhall - 6 pm

Next Regular Township Meeting – Wednesday February 4th - 6pm

Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Adam Masloski and support by Supervisor Craig Seliskar to pay the bills.

Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar and support by Supervisor Adam Masloski to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm.

 2/4/24
Chairman Eric Hart Date

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Clerk Cheri DeBeltz Date