

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday August 5, 2026

Chairman Craig Seliskar called the regular July meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Supervisor Hudson Kingston, Supervisor Roger Murawski, Treasurer Don Stocks, and Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and 12 citizens.

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 Hudson Kingston 2nd and Supervisor Roger Murwaski supported.

Warren LaPlante Lake County Emergency Manager-

He video called into meeting giving the board and citizens an update on the fire activity in the area. He would like to come to a follow-up meeting when things settle down in September or October.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Don Stocks and approved as presented with motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, seconded by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murwaski. Receipts of \$249,092.88 were received and disbursements totaled \$74,646.78. The recreation fund balance is \$10,857.92. Funds available to run the township are \$444,971.83.

Transfer Site: Transfer site attendant Dean Barret Transfer site has been very busy lately. There is a lot of brush on the brush pile. Craig will be ordering bags.

Correspondence

Bollig Engineering sent their newsletter for July 2026.

Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) send an email invitation to the 2026 State of the Range on Wednesday September 9th starting at 4:00 pm, the event will be held at Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm.

Ely Golf Club sent a Thank you letter for the recent donation we sent to the golf club.

Frontier sent a letter to update Fall Lake Township that Copper and TDM services will be discontinued by 11/16/2026. They will notify customers directly by letter to let them know if they are affected.

MN Association of Townships sent a letter notifying us of District 10 Meeting notice. The meeting will be held on Thursday August 27, 2026, at 6:00pm the meeting will be held at Grand Lake Town Hall.

RAMS sent an email to let townships know about the Permanent School Fund and the upcoming 2026 Constitutional amendment on the upcoming ballot. This will not increase anyone's taxes and will just increase the amount of money that can be withdrawn from the school trust, which will give each school district money per student enrolled.

RAMS sent an email about the sulfate standard background study. MPCA will host sulfate natural background study virtual public information session July 27.

New Business

Laura Ostlie – Bolling Funding Group

Laura came to discuss and answer questions regarding the funding group and what they can do for Fall Lake Township and the Community Center Group. It would be a cost of \$5,000.00/year and 5% fee of the total amount of funder secured and approved by the Township.

Supervisor Roger Murwaski made a motion to approve the hiring of the Boling Funding Group for the cost as discussed, Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and supported by Supervisor Craig Seliskar.

APHIS – Contract with USDA

It is time for the yearly contract for Bear dam removal at the cost of \$3,000.00 a year.

Supervisor Hudson Kingston made a motion to approve the annual contract with the USDA for the APHIS removal. Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and Craig Seliskar supported.

Tabled Items Follow up –

Winton Point Road – Fall Lake township received 3 bids one from RLT, Schulze, and Hegfors for application of a lift and culverts being added to the Winton Pt Road. A discussion was held regarding each of the bids received.

Supervisor Criag Seliskar made a motion to follow up with this in the spring of 2027, Supervisor Roger Murwaski 2nd and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Cloquet Line lift – we received one bid from RLT for placement of a lift of 12". Lift begins at county line and extent 1000' onoto Fall Lake Township Road.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to approve the bid from RLT for \$29,480.00. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd that motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

Hegfors Bid 5/25/2026 – we had received a bid from Hegfors for

Brushing on Voyageur Road

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion to follow up in spring of 2027, supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Fixing Villa Road at Warren Carlson

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion to follow up in spring of 2027, supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Snowbank Road Repairs by Jim Bradley's –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion to follow up in 2027, supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Phil Hegfors Snowbankd Road Bid – this is to replace a 6-inch plastic pipe and order a new one and installation.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion to follow up in spring of 2027, supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Phil Hegfors bid from 12/21/25 – for brushing on Cloquet line, this was determined at our 2/4/26 meeting to hold off until 2027.

Jeff Schulze would like to put 15 loads of gravel on Voyager Road & Garden Lake Road as needed

Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion to approve that recommendation, seconded by supervisor Craig Seliskar, and supported by supervisor Hudson Kingston.

Sell township owned Pine Road Parcels – 28-6382-02030, 28-6382- 02020, 28-6382-02100, & 28-6382-02090 these parcels were purchased when Pine Road was being built. Now we could try to sell these to the adjacent property owners if they are interested in the assessed value of \$9,600.00.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to offer each of these to the adjacent owners, supervisor Roger Murwaski 2nd and supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Credit Card Use Policy – TABLED UNTIL 9/2026

Evacuation Plan – Clerk Cheri DeBeltz would like to work with the Lake County Emergency Management and come up with a formal Emergency/Evacuation Plan for the township.

Ely Area Lodging Tax Board Update – Cindy Smyka

Cindy gave update as to how a major decision could be made in the future. Path 1 transition to Lake County under Lovin Lake County, Path 2 – could be stricter transparency with board seats, ask people to join. Looking to host a business owner round table on 9/14. Once business owners gather lodging tax payers and then address the Joint Powers before the end of the year.

She recommends holding off on the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement and the Ordinance Imposing a Lodging tax until after the 9/14/26 meeting

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – Contractor is back on site working. They did have an oil spill a transformer fell. They are working with appropriate agencies and getting repaired.

Community Center Group – nothing further than what was already discussed.

Recreational Funds Request –

Ely Watercross Association Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Ely Area Watercross. 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murwaski.

Trail Prospectors Alliance Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to donate \$1000.00 to the Trail Prospectors Alliance. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murawski.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Hudson Kingston – RAMS great job about the amendment at the last Tuesday Group meeting in Ely at the Grand Ely Lodge. Emergency Fire meeting yesterday was amazing how much work they have done.

Supervisor Roger Murawski – Security Light updates, to a solar component for a cost of \$74.00 and replace the flagpole for \$375.00, this includes the removal of the light off the building.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar - Roads holding well. Chloride will be applied on 8/10/26, Supervisor Hudson Kingston drive as the escort.

Roads Reports – nothing at this time

Commissioner Joe Baltich – he gave an update on things he has been doing.

Citizens

Could selling the lots be used to buying other lots?

Northeast MN has funding for small businesses from United Way that have been affected by the Wildfires.

Please see if we can reach out to MN Power to brush all the dead brush from last year's brush spraying. It is a fire hazard.

Future Meetings:

Next Regular Township Meeting – Wednesday September 9th - 6pm

Morse Fall Lake Fire Meeting – at Fall Lake Town Hall – Wednesday August 19th – 6:00 pm

Primary Elections – Fall Lake Town Hall – Tuesday August 11th – 7:00 AM – 8:00PM

Motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murawski to pay the bills.

Motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murawski to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.



Craig Seliskar

9/8/20

Date



Clerk Cheri DeBeltz

9/8/20

Date