

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Reorganizational Meeting & Regular Board Meeting

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz called the Reorganizational & Regular April meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Pledge recited.

Present Supervisors: Craig Seliskar, Roger Murawski, Hudson Kingston, Treasurer Don Stocks,
Clerk Cheri DeBeltz, and 13 citizens

Supervisor Hudson Kingston nominated Craig Seliskar as Chairman. Second by Supervisor Roger
Murawski. Supervisor Craig Seliskar accepted.

Reorganization –

•Legal Publication – The Ely Echo was voted on at the Annual meeting and passed
unanimously.

•Depository – Frandsen Bank

•Labor-

\$20.00 per hour – Subject to wage requirements Supervisor Craig Seliskar made
motion to keep the same at \$20.00/hr. 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by
Supervisor Roger Murawski

•Office Cleaning –

\$20.00 per hour – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to keep the same at
\$20.00/hr. 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murawski

•Transfer Site –

\$20.00 per hour – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to keep the same at
\$20.00/hr. 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murawski

•Lawn Mowing –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar to Keep Lakeside Services as our lawn mowing services,
Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

•Road Mowing –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to keep Clyde Peterson for road mowing
and brushing. The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Roger Murawski and supported by Supervisor
Hudson Kingston

•Portable Toilet Rental – Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion to keep Lucky Boy
Services for our portable toilet at the Transfer Site. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor
Hudson Kingston supported.

•Snow Plowing –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to keep Schulze Excavating and Phil
Hegfors as the plowing contractors. 2nd by Supervisor Roger Murawski and supported by Supervisor
Hudson Kingston

•Road Services –

Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion to accept the provided prices for
equipment for this year on the following Contractors –

- Schulze Excavating
- Phil Hegfors
- RLT (Robinson Lake Trucking)
- Brian Seliskar
- Aaron Leustek
- Casey Peterson
- Starkman Asphalt & Paving

The motion was 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Craig Seliskar.

•Garbage Collection & Disposal –

Supervisor Hudson Kingston made a motion to keep Section 30 Disposal Service, Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

•Annual Meeting Moderator –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to keep the same rate of \$50.00/hr. for the annual meeting moderator, Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

•Election Judges -

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made the motion to keep the Elections Judges pay \$20.00 per hour, Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

•Supervisors

Chairman
Supervisors

A motion was made by Supervisor Craig Seliskar that the Supervisors be paid \$300.00/per meeting and The Chairman be paid the same rate. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

•Clerk

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to increase the clerks pay to \$900.00/meeting, which was budgeted for a rate of approx. \$17,000.00/yr. And the Deputy Clerk be paid \$20.00/hr. when filling in. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

•Treasurer

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to increase the treasurer's pay to \$800.00/meeting, which was budgeted, for a rate of approx. \$14,000.00/yr. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

• Reimbursement for Town Board and Town Officers for attending an extra full board meeting –

Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion to keep the pay the same at \$300.00/per meeting for supervisors and the treasurer \$800/per, and the clerk \$900/per. Supervisor Adam Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

• Reimbursement for Town officer, Clerk & Treasurer for township related expenses. –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to keep the reimbursement for expenses the same as set by the Federal Government. Those rates will be reimbursed at \$16.00/breakfast, \$19.00/lunch, \$28.00/dinner. The person also needs to submit receipts for all expenses incurred. Rate of \$20/hr. for travel & time. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

• Milage –

The IRS sets the milage reimbursement rate, for the year 2026 it is .72.5 cents per mile. No changes or motions were made as this rate is set by the IRS.

• Resolution 2026-04 –

Resolution Establishing a Policy for the Compensation and Reimbursement of Town Officers. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to accept the Resolution 2026-04 as written. Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported

• Designated Posted Locations –

- Ely Echo
- Town hall Bulletin Board

Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion to keep all the same locations, Ely Echo and Town Hall Bulletin Board. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

• **Positions for Supervisors**

• Morse/Fall Lake/Fire – Town Board

• Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion to have Roger Murawski as the representative on the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

• Ely Area Joint Powers Lodging Tax Board – Supervisor Roger Murawski made motion to keep Cindy Smyka as Fall Lake Townships representative on the Ely Area Joint Powers Lodging Tax Board. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported

• Ely Area Legislative Joint Powers Board – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to that Supervisor Hudson Kingston represent Fall Lake Township on the Ely Area Joint Powers Board. Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

• RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Schools) – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made motion that Supervisor Hudson Kingston be the representative on the RAMS board. Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported

• Township Roads Maintenance – Supervisor Hudson Kingston made motion to have Supervisor Craig Seliskar as contact for Roads Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

- Local Road Improvement Grant (LRIP) Sunset Road – Supervisor Hudson Kingston made a motion to have Supervisor Craig Seliskar has the point of contact for the LRIP Sunset Road project. Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

• Ely/Kawishiwi Firewise Partnership - Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion that Supervisor Hudson Kingston take on the Ely/Kawishiwi Firewise Partnership Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

• Township Transfer Site – Supervisor Roger Murawski made a motion that Supervisor Craig Seliskar take on the Township Transfer Site Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

• Township Building & Grounds Maintenance – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have Supervisor Roger Murawski take on the building and grounds maintenance. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported

• Community Center Board - Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have Supervisor Roger Murawski. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

• MAT Township Officers List –

The MATS Township officers list was passed around to each one and they made changes to phone numbers and mailing address. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will mail it to MATS office.

• Review Insurance Policies –

The current Insurance policy was passed around to each supervisor for review. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion that all is current and correct, Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

• Resolution 2026-05, 2026-06, 2026-07 A Resolution Authorizing Contract with Interested Officer Under Minn. Stat. 471.88, subd. 5. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to accept the resolution 2025-02-,2025-03-,2025-4 as written. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd motion. Supervisor Eric Hart supported it.

• Regular Board Meetings –

Everyone on the board had a discussion regarding the best day of the week to hold our regular meetings. Clerk DeBeltz made note that last year the meetings were held on Wednesdays. The board agreed those are the best days. The board went over the next year's schedule and made changes due to conflicts.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have our regular meetings held on the 1st Wednesday of the month except for the dates noted with (**) on the schedule. Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 8, 2026**

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, second by Supervisor Roger Murawski, support Supervisor Hudson Kingston

Treasurer's report:

Read and approved as read with motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and support by Supervisor Roger Murawski. Receipts of \$3,48.60 were received and disbursements totaled \$25,132.38. The recreation fund balance is \$10,557.38. Treasurer Don Stocks advised that the township will not get any more money until July. He recommended we transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge fund.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to transfer \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge fund. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd and Supervisor Roger Murawski supported.

Funds available to run the township are \$368,764.71.

Transfer Site:

Transfer Site Attendant Dean Barrett reported that the snowblower will need an oil change. Bins have been getting emptied as scheduled.

Correspondence:

Received an email from RAMS that the MN broadband line extension program is now open. Asked to share and encourage your residents to apply.

Lake County Chamber of Commerce sent an invitation for their Annual Spring Gala to be held on Thursday April 23, 2026, starting at 5:00 pm.

Range Cooperatives, INC sent an Annual Scholarship Notice. This is for applicants that have completed a minimum of one semester with at least 12 credits per semester. Pick up application from one of the offices.

Lake County Chamber of Commerce sent an email invite for the Grand Reopening for the Superior Shore Resort & VUE Restaurant to be held on Thursday April 9, 2026, from 10:00 – 2:00 pm

ARDC (Arrowhead Regional Development Commission) Planning sent an email; they are working with MnDot District 1 on the North Shore Roadway Network Resilience Study. There is a link for the first meeting being held via zoom.

RAMS sent an email for RAMS Lobby Day at the capital on April 14, 2026, there is a bus being sent down. Lunch and Diner will be provided.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to allow Hudson Kingston to attend Supervisor Roger Murawski 2nd

Mesabi Metallics sent out an email advising us of "Build Mesabi Itasca" April 9 for a day at the capital advocating for bringing jobs to your community.

Received a Thank you card from the family of Virginia Deinhammer (Nick Wognum mother-in-law) Thanking us for the plan and thoughtfulness for the loss.

Minnesota Association of Townships (MATS) – sent out the updated Spring Short Courshed dates.

New Business:

There is a new website and email address for the township-

Website is now falllaketownshipmn.gov

Email is now – falllake@falllaketownshipmn.gov

Each supervisor, clerk, and treasurer will all have new email addresses to correspond to this change.

Local Road Improvement Grant Agreement needs to be passed and signed

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to pass and sign the LRIP, Supervisor Roger Murwaski 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

RESOLUTION 2026 – 03 WAS APPROVED: 3 aye, 0 nay

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to pass and sign Resolution 2026-03 LRIP Improvement Program Grant Agreement. Supervisor Roger Murwaski 2nd the motion and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Jason Chopp (Short Elloit Hendrickson) – Capital Improvement Project proposal

He came and explained what exactly would be included in his original proposal that was sent to us in July 2025. He explained that he can help prioritize roads, lives locally, and work with other townships, towns, and clubs in the area. He would not charge to attend meetings. He would also assist in funding applications for grants in the future. Cost could be approx. \$7,000 - \$10,000.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to table this until May 2026, Supervisor Roger Murwaski 2nd and Supervisor Hudson Kingston supported.

Library Contract approval \$5,000.00 –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 payment to the library as it was approved at the annual meeting by the citizens. Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd the motion and Supervisor Roger Murwaski supported the motion.

Ely Area Joint Powers Ambulance – Rod Gruba & Joe Baltich

Rod Gruba and Commissioner Joe Baltich gave an overview of the Ambulance service. There is a new building being built and is going out for bids.

Lake County Milage Certification –

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz received a letter from Lake County requesting Fall Lake Township to verify the road miles for the 2026 allotment of the Minnesota's Highway User Tax Distribution Fund. The letter states that Fall Lake Township maintained 19.9 miles of Town Roads.

All supervisors were in agreement of that amount. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will sign and return letter.

Set Annual Road Inspection Date

The date agreed upon is Monday May 4th at 3:00 pm, everyone will meet at the townhall.

Christoph Enders stopped by and wanted to let everyone know that the CD3 unit will be display at the new trailhead center in Ely on Saturday May 2nd.

Old Business

- Sunset Road LRIP–

Jeff Goetzman sent a short update that all contracts have been sent out to Low Impact for the project, but as of the meeting has not yet been signed. There is also a need to have materials tested and he is still working on getting quotes from businesses for the may meeting's agenda.

- Community Center Group Update – nothing at this time.

- Capital Improvement Projects – nothing further than what was covered earlier in the meeting.

Recreation Funds Request –

Northeast Range/Ely Golf –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to donate \$400.00 to Northeast Range/Ely citing Statute 356.10 Supervisor Hudson Kingston 2nd and Supervisor Roger Murwaski supported the motion.

Supervisors Comments:

Supervisor Hudson Kingston – Excited to be part of the board. He has a lot to learn.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar – nothing currently.

Supervisor Eric Hart – Should be interesting and glad to be of the decision-making process.

Roads – they are rough and muddy. When conditions allow grading will be one. There is a culvert that still needs to be done on the Sunset Road, but there is a High Voltage power from MN Power that needs to be clear.

Citizens:

Ed Seliskar said welcome to the new supervisors

Future Meetings:

Morse Fall Lake Fire Meeting – Wednesday April 15th, 6 pm

Next Regular Township Meeting – Wednesday May 6th, 6pm

Local Board of Appeal Meeting – Thursday May 7th – 1:00 pm

Lake County Board of Commissioners meet as a Whole – Tuesday June 16th – 6pm @ Fall Lake Township

Motion to pay the bills by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, 2nd by Supervisor Roger Murwaski & support from Supervisor Hudson Kingston.

Motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, second by Supervisor Hudson Kingston and supported by Supervisor Roger Murawski to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.



Chairman Craig Seliskar 4/6/26



Clerk Cheri DeBeltz 4/6/26