

**TOWN OF FALL LAKE**  
**BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday June 5, 2024**  
**Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Eric Hart called the Regular May meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited.

Present Supervisors: Craig Seliskar, Eric Hart, Sheila Gruba, Treasurer Stocks, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz, and 58 citizens

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with motion by Supervisor Craig Seliskar, second by Supervisor Eric Hart, support Supervisor Sheila Gruba.

**Treasurer's report:**

Read and approved as read with motion by Eric Hart 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Sheila Gruba and Supported by Supervisor Craig Seliskar. Receipts of \$11,996.18 were received and disbursements totaled \$18,349.73. The recreation fund balance is \$12,505.40. Funds available to run the township are \$247,624.83

**Transfer Site Attendant –**

Transfer site attendant Dean Barret stated it has been a busy spring. Lots of people need to learn the "motion of the set up and read the signs". Supervisor Craig Seliskar said he has contacted Amy, the new solid waste coordinator from Lake County who wants to visit our Transfer Site.

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz asked to have purchase a recording device so she can record the meetings on that instead of her personal cell phone. Once a meeting is recorded, it must be kept on file as a public record. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to have Clerk Cheri DeBeltz research and purchase a quality device if it can be found under \$500.00, Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart supported.

**Correspondence:**

Received a notice from EBCH (Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital) They are hosting a community presentation on "The Future of EMS" June 13, 2024, 4:00pm at The Ely Senior Center. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will also add the notice to the township website.

Nancy McReady sent us another notice of an event. "Tools for Living with Fire" Saturday June 15 at Minnesota North Vermilion Campus. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will also add this notice to the township website.

The township received a Thank you letter from school board for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. The board thanked the Fall Lake board for the \$500.00 donation for class trip to Wolf Ridge.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class at Ely Public School also sent a personalized Thank you letter. This letter Thanked us for our donation so the class could enjoy their time at Wolf Ridge. The thank you letter also had photos of the kids and the kids all signed the letter.



Northwoods Partners send us a Thank you for our donation to their organization. We received a postcard from NLAA (Northern Lakes Arts Association) advertising Broadway in the Boundary Waters, and the shows being offered.

Ely- Winton Historical Society and Museum sent us their quarterly newsletter. They are also having their open house on Wednesday June 12, 2024, at the Grand Ely Lodge at 5:00pm. If anyone is interested in attending, they are to let Clerk Cheri DeBeltz know so she can RSVP for them.

### **New Business**

**Sunset Road – Niel Olson** – Thank you for adding Sunset Road people to the agenda. He has been traveling up and down Sunset Road since the early 1990's. He asked the board what are the goals for township roads? Each supervisor gave a response – Supervisor Sheila Gruba goal is to get them in great shape and a well-maintained road as to what the budget will allow. Supervisor Criag Seliskar stated to continue to maintain and improve our roads have outgrown what they were built for. Supervisor Eric Hart stated the same that we have a budget we work by that we have been adding onto our budget every year to continue to improve our roads. He admitted that there is a little way to go yet. We will continue to improve there. Mr. Olson asked numerous questions to the board How often are the supervisors driving down the roads? Supervisor Craig Seliskar stated at least 3 times a month except for Snowbank Road.

Who makes the decisions on road maintenance of the roads? Supervisor Criag Seliskar stated it is a board decision. What about if the road needs grading and areas such as wet spots? If it is routine maintenance, then it is up to the overseer to have those areas addressed.

Mr. Olson has spoken to the clerk at Morse township about how other townships do their business. Morse has had a long-term goal of paving all their roads. Having roads should be a #1 number one priority for the township.

If he had been looking for property and driven down this road when it was muddy he would never have purchased the property here.

He stated the product that we have been using on the road is the worst ever. He feels this has fallen on deaf ears. In Morse township the road supervisor is expected to inspect their roads every 2 weeks. If there is a complaint on the road then all 3 supervisors drive the road. Morse also has 1 ½ employees to keep tabs on the roads. He spoke to the employee and said to go ahead and inspect Morse's Road after they had just put class 5 on it. Mr. Olson said it was in much better shape than Sunset Road. Morse buys their Class 5 thru St. Louis County that is inspected and certified. If Fall Lake township isn't doing a regular inspection or after any weather, how do we know what condition the roads are in? The Sunset Road is MUDDY due to poor product. It would be fabulous to pave or at least get a good quality class 5 that is certified and improve the conditions. What is the board going to do about it?

Supervisor Eric Hart advised that at the last board meeting we did make a motion to investigate an engineering group to look at all and do an inspection of all the township roads and set a plan of what we can do on all our roads.

Mr. Olson has asked regular users of the road FedEx & USPS did not to get a chance to talk to UPS. He asked them all whose roads are the worst to drive on and they all said that Fall Lake township roads. USPS by far the Sunset is the worst and FedEx.

Supervisor Eric Hart said most of the budget is for roads and over the years there hadn't been anything added to the levy for roads for years. It is obvious that we are playing catch up we can only do what we can, we do NOT have a county budget we have a township budget. Mr. Olson said that he should not use that as an answer because there are grants that we could try and get. Mr. Olson stated it takes more than just attending a monthly meeting. Supervisor Eric Hart that we have been awarded a grant and more discussion will be coming later in the meeting regarding that.



**Set up a meeting with Jim Robbins @ Voltz -** Clerk Cheri DeBeltz wants each Supervisor and everyone on the town board to be able to use and understand the IT equipment. Especially the video and sharing equipment in the town hall. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised that Jim Robbins is available to use the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>. Tentatively scheduled for Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Clerk DeBeltz will finalize with Jim Robbins and send out notice to everyone once confirmed.

**Per Diem –** Supervisor Sheila Gruba presented that we need to establish a formal policy for per diem. Standard rate in MN for Lodging across the state is \$148.00 except in Duluth and MPLS is \$200.00. Meals \$59.00 - \$13.00 for breakfast, \$15.00 for lunch, \$26.00 for dinner and \$5.00 incidental. Supervisor Sheila Gruba asked Supervisor Craig Seliskar what his thought were on this. He said there are other townships that don't reimburse for that. There are other options out there and it doesn't matter to him. Supervisor Eric Hart also said it didn't matter to him. They have always just rented the room and never been a question as to that was past practice. Supervisor Sheila Gruba pointed out that there wasn't a "cap" on the amount spent and we need one set to be fiscally responsible. Supervisor Sheila Gruba asked the board to adopt the rates presented as our rates moving forward. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz reminded the board that these are the same rates that were presented back at our meeting in April. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz pointed out that when she booked rooms for the short courses, she and Supervisor Eric Hart and Supervisor Craig Seliskar had to book for Friday night due to conflicts on Thursday and they were NOT able to get the \$148.00 govt rate at the hotel as they did not offer it on a Friday night. Supervisor Sheila Gruba said the same hotel was going to give her the government rate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> night of her stay. A citizen Emily Seliskar asked for a receipt for the \$148.00 room rate. Supervisor Sheila Gruba advised that she does not have a receipt for the rate, she made the reservation and Rod (her husband) has been working with the owners of Silver Rapids Lodge on where things are underground, she received a confirmation showing her room rate of \$148.00 and then she received a confirmation back showing the amount as Zero due. The hotel comped their room. Citizen Emily Seliskar questioned Supervisor Sheila Gruba that as a township supervisor she received a free room? Supervisor Sheila Gruba said she did not do that her husband did. The two of them went back and forth a few times about whether Supervisor Sheila Gruba received a free room with Citizen Emily Seliskar insisting Supervisor Sheila Gruba received a free room from a constituent for free. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to cap the room at \$200.00 a night and meals at \$100.00, Supervisor Sheila Gruba stated that was too high and feels it should be the government rates. Supervisor Eric Hart also pointed out that to get reimbursement we need to submit receipts. Supervisor Sheila Gruba pointed out that we approved that at a past township meeting. Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to go along with the government rates but if anything goes above the government rate we have a discussion at a prior board meeting for prior approval. The amounts of \$148.00 Meals \$59.00 - \$13.00 for breakfast, \$15.00 for lunch, \$26.00 for dinner and \$5.00 incidental. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion and Supervisor Sheila Gruba Supported.

#### **Clyde Peterson Rates 2024-**

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz received notice from Clyde Peterson that his road mowing rates will increase for the year 2024 to the rate of \$250.00 per mile. From a rate of \$225.00 and we have his current insurance on file. Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to accept Mr. Peterson's rate of \$250.00 per mile for road mowing. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart supported.

#### **Presidential Primary Reimbursement:**

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised that the township was able to apply for a grant to get reimbursed for the expenses incurred for the 2024 Presidential Primary election. The township was awarded a refund of \$1714.10.



## Old Business:

• **Sunset Road LRIP** – Supervisor Sheila Gruba advised that it was an application process 18 projects were given approval to go forward with their projects in the entire state of MN. The funds from this can only be used on this project and nothing else. This was granted due to safety concerns with the existing entrance to Sunset Road. The road is in the wrong place on the first portion of the road. We only have the footprint of the road since we have no legal right to widen or ditch the road. The road and developed properties and have grown. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and herself have met with the MN Dept of Transportation, Jason DiPiazza (Lake County Highway engineer and sponsor for the project), and Jeff Goetzman from MSA our engineer. This project must all be approved and signed off by the State of MN. The Fortier family is going to donate the land for the new road entrance. The Fortier family came to us with their safety concerns due to the dust and near accidents at the narrow portion of the road. When done the current entrance will be eliminated and the old road will “T” into the new portion. The old portion will have a new name and the new portion will be Sunset Road. The road will have a natural flow. She went on to explain how the road will have 66ft right of way and ditching. Once this portion is done then we could move on to another portion of the road. The application was submitted on 12/23 and approval was granted in April of 2024 and kick off meeting in May 2024. The engineering approval is on the boards desk for approval tonight. By November of 2024 having the final PSE and State Aid review, and then advertise for contractor bids in December of 2024 with construction in May – August of 2025.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked the exact amount for the LRIP funding we received. Supervisor Sheila Gruba did not have the exact dollar amount in front of her at that moment. Commissioner Joe Baltich stated it was around \$420,000.00 something. HE asked if there is going to be some sort of cost analysis done due to the township would be on the “hook” for over runs. Supervisor Sheila Gruba stated that we can ask about that question. She then stated the amount for the engineering is \$76,800.00 for tonight’s approval. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz interjected that she had also attended the meetings and if we are experiencing over runs that we are to reach out to Rashimi at MN Trans as soon as we know, the earlier we know they could help us. But it is not a guarantee that the funds would be given. We could still be responsible for over runs. Supervisor Sheila Gruba explained that this is a high ground project unlike the Cloquet line where it floats. Supervisor Craig Seliskar reminded her we have a tight budget and need to keep an eye on our costs. She agreed.

A Citizen asked - How did this project originate? Most of these people live on Sunset Road drive it 2 or 3 times a day like her and she has a choice where the entrance is and looking better left and right and driving 3 ½ miles of Sunset Road Why is this project the one the board is behind? Supervisor Sheila Gruba explained her husband has been working for years to get better access Even when Jake Tackvam for the safety issues. The Citizen said so is the dust!

Citizen Gary Rodrick stated he has been driving this road for 34 years he has never come to a meeting before to complain about this road, and he is not here to complain tonight. He said the dust is horrible so something we are using different. The safety thing he has never heard of an accident at the entrance to the road. He suggested just having a sign put up on the Kawishiwi Trail that advises road ahead for \$1000.00 instead of creating more road to take care of.

A poll was taken in the room of people who have had a close call at that intersection – 3 people raised their hands.

Commissioner Joe Baltich added that he spoke to Jason DiPiazza at Lake county already about putting signage up. The county stated that you can put signage up and within a week people are ignoring. On the LRIP funding if there was not a safety factor that was tied to this, we would not have even received the funding.



Susan Shirke a citizen, asked if there could be a quick fix like the Chloride on the road. There are times when the road is dry and the dust is so bad you cannot see for at least 30 seconds, which is enough time for someone to hit you or get hit by another car.

A citizen asked if the \$400,000.00 dollars is not enough to finish the job would we just stop and Supervisor Sheila Gruba stated no, he asked would we just keep spending money on this fancy thing for the Fortier. He doesn't think anyone from Sunset Road would come in and propose this fancy big road for the Fortiers to get to their property. Supervisor Sheila Gruba stated that this is not for the Fortiers it is for the safety and the population of the road. We must have a long-term plan.

**Chloride** - Supervisor Craig Seliskar reached out to Jason DiPiazza and asked if we could still get on the county pricing for chloride. Mr. DiPiazza thought we could be he hadn't heard back yet. Looking at putting chloride on approx. 3 miles 15ft wide would approx. cost the township \$9,000.00. This is just the 3 miles that the township maintains. The price would only be for one application this year.

The citizens also brought up concerns that applying chloride could make situations muddy in wet conditions. They have certain spots that are extremely muddy in wet conditions that could get worse.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba said she feels we should come up with a different type of gravel to put on there before the chloride is put on. All Class 5 must be certified to be called class 5. Mr. Neil Olson disagreed with that statement. Supervisor Hart verified with City of Ely employee Troy Oelke and one of the road contractors Phil Hegfors. Mr. Olson then questioned "who is certifying it?" Mr. Oelke stated before it is sold it must be certified. Supervisor Sheila Gruba said that in addition to class 5, we must cut the sod off and make sure there is a crown on the road so the water drains properly.

**Power Dam Road** – Clerk DeBeltz double checked with Lake County regarding the 1994 road vacation that was done on 300ft of the road. She sent them all the records that we have on file for the road vacation hearing held in 1994 for Lake County to review and see if they could record the vacation now. At this time what we have would NOT suffice to be recorded at the county level currently. Lake County advised we would need a resolution passed for the Road vacation. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz then reached out to MATS attorney Steven Fenske regarding this and that can be done he can advise us that yes that is the case but that since it has been so many years would that hold up? He recommended we contact an attorney if this is still valid. Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked could we just redo it? Clerk Cheri DeBeltz said that is also another option. Supervisor Sheila Gruba said she feels it would be good to have an attorney look at this. We do not have a township attorney right now.

The secondary issue on the road needing it to be memorialized as a public road, Mr. Fenske advised, he stated that all township roads are public roads. There should not be any memorialization required. He said that if they are pushing that issue why is that the case, we should have enough stance. He pushed us to have legal counsel. There is some questioning if we have maintained the .4 miles for 6 consecutive years.

Sheila Gruba made a motion to have Clerk Cheri DeBeltz speak to Steven Fenske and get recommendations for an attorney. She said Gilchrist (he used to work for Steven Fenske) had Clerk Cheri DeBeltz to get quotes as to cost for representation and bring it back to our next meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Craig Seliskar and support by Supervisor Eric Hart.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar had Lake County put together a map for us. It does have the Power dam road listed as a township road. .3 miles and identified it all the way up to the "T".



**Locust Lane – Clerk** Cheri DeBeltz advised that follow up from the last meeting the advice she received from Steven Fenske and the advice Sheila Gruba received from Madline Cash indeed are the same Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and read this out loud -

1. A town is never required to open or build a platted roadway merely because a right of way is dedicated to the township. Usually, a platted roadway is held in trust for the town until the town wants to accept it. The platted roadway is open to and for the use of the landowners within the plat, so any of the owners could open and develop the road. The town is not required to open or build a road there. Its possible that the town may be expected to contribute to the cost as an owner within the plat, though. That question should be referred to the township attorney for review.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba wants an update on Locust on why that is going to be open. She thought it was going to be opened due to a land locked situation. Bryan Seliskar is landlocked. He asked it since we said it was up to the landowner “can he open it up than?” Supervisor Shelia Gruba would like a new survey done to verify everything. The Platt discrepancy that the land finder is showing currently the lot is 150 x 10, this needs to be figured out. So, we do not have any more roads where they should not be. Supervisor Eric Hart advised that it would be up to the landowner to make sure it is in the correct spot and then they would be responsible for it if it is in the wrong spot. Supervisor Sheila Gruba explained that if that happens then once people use it for a certain amount of time then that is the road. She feels that the platted roads that we are looking at need to be made sure that are not on someone else's property. Supervisor Eric Hart also mentioned that before anything is done now that Lake County to get a permit before a road or driveway is put in.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba again stated that she feels it needs to be a criteria that to have it surveyed. Supervisor Eric Hart feels the landowner needs to put together something, bring it to us, and let us know what they are doing. Citizen Ed Seliskar asked last November for one year and thanked us for moving forward on it.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to require the property owner to do a survey when the plated roads are opened. Supervisor Criag Seliskar – does not support and Supervisor Eric Hart does not support.

**Warren Johnson Parcel Sale -** Supervisor Eric Hart reached out to Dave Johnson, Supervisor Eric Hart asked if someone runs into someone and talks to a person ahead of time to please reach out to Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and make her aware so she can let the other supervisors know not to bother anyone. Supervisor Eric Hart said that Dave Johnson is not interested in selling us the lots.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba asked if the letter regarding the parcel lot property ID 28-6382-30040 is currently listed as STATE OF MN IN TRST FOR TAXING DIST that the current parking lot is sitting on, has been sent to Lake County for us to buy the parcel lot for \$1.00. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz stated that the letter went out on Tuesday June 3, 2024. Commissioner Joe Baltich gave them a heads up on that the letter was coming but the county will not take a formal position on it until they receive something in writing. Supervisor Shelia Gruba wants to table the Warren Johnson Parcel sale until we hear back about the potential buying of the parking lot from the county.

**Cloquet Line Bids & updates -**

Supervisor Craig Seliskar met with the 3 main road contactors to discuss the problems we are having on the Cloquet line. Each one of them returned estimates for projects. Jeff Schulze recommended putting a 2ft lift on it for 1,200 feet. Supervisor Shelia Gruba asked if we have



contacted an engineer to see if the road can hold an additional lift. Supervisor Sheila Gruba doesn't want to cause any additional problems. She had Clerk Cheri DeBeltz reach out to each of the supervisors and ask what additional help is needed from Jason DiPiazza, Commissioner Joe Baltich also spoke to Jason DiPiazza, and he needed more information from us as to what help we would need. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz has sent it on to someone but couldn't remember exactly where this is at. Supervisor Sheila Gruba wants to double check with Jason DiPiazza to see if the engineering can handle this. Supervisor Craig Seliskar would like to cover the bad spot right now, but for a more permanent fix he would like the 3 contractors to bid the same. Give Hegfors and RLT a chance to estimate the same add the 6 inch of class 5 instead of the whole lift.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to see who can cover and fix up on a temp basis on the bad section on the Cloquet Line. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Eric Hart and Supported by Sheila Gruba.

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will also check the emails and follow up to see where we are on those.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar also mentioned that we did sign our contract with the USDA for our beaver removal contract. They are going to be starting in the next short while on the Cloquet line on both sides of the road removing beaver, houses and dams. Supervisor Eric Hart also asked if we asked about the beaver issue on the Sunset Road by the culvert. Supervisor Craig Seliskar has not told them about that area yet, we will do some further checking and then let the contractor know.

#### **Community Center Update -**

A few community members went and visited the Clair Nelson center in mid-May. To see what out there as far as newer facilities is. It has a commercial kitchen next to an auditorium which is next to a gym. Then on the front is the office area that can be sectioned off for other things. Commissioner Joe Baltich said one of the reasons he is pushing for this is for an emergency center. That way we have a place to house people or emergency responders. Citizens were concerned about where the funding for this was coming from. Commissioner Baltich explained there are grants available for rural townships trying to build a new community center. No meeting has been set up yet. The next meeting will be posted in the Ely Echo for citizens to join us and welcome any input.

#### **Recreation Fund Distribution -**

A meeting has been set for Thursday June 20 to review and disperse the recreational funds requests received to date.

#### **Supervisors Comments:**

##### **Supervisor Sheila Gruba –**

She attended the Firewise workshop the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was held here at the town fall lake. St Louis county got a \$895,000.00 grant for wildfire reduction. Originally when meetings started, they thought that Fall Lake Township we would be included in it. We are not; however, Lake County is ahead of things on Firewise stuff. Lake County has applied for Grants from WICOLA. For us to receive grants we need to have an action plan. We need to work with citizens in Fall Lake Township and Lake County what we would do in an emergency. Supervisor Eric made a motion to talk to Aaron the Firewise coordinator and place an ad in the paper for people to attend, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Sheila Gruba and supported by Supervisor Craig Seliskar

She has a letter from RAMS Paul Peltier that we have a meeting on Monday June 10<sup>th</sup> to have a legislative stragy session evaluate what priorities we would like in our area. One idea Supervisor



Craig Seliskar had would be to have someone on board from RAMS to help with funding a possible community center and possible road funding for us. Supervisor Eric Hart will send anything he has to Clerk Cheri DeBeltz

Supervisor Shelia Gruba asked Clerk Cheri DeBeltz about the C-6000 asked if this was signed by the Treasurer and Clerk. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised this was to be signed by officers of the township. Currently the Treasurer and Clerk are NOT officers. Supervisor Sheila Gruba will check with Steven Fenske to make sure that it is correct and get back to Clerk Cheri DeBeltz.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar -

attended the RAMS meeting and tour of Mesabi Metalics. Billions of dollars have been spent on that project. Jeff Anderson Gave a legislative update. Supervisor Sheila Gruba will be able to attend the June 27, 2024.

Cloquet Line chloride should be coming soon. It was supposed to be here at the end of May and now it's June.

Voyager Road sign has been replaced.

New signs have been ordered for the Transfer site, so it is clearer where to dump your garbage. He has reached out to Braun Intertech and has not heard back yet. Regarding the study of our township roads.

Sunset Road Chloride. Supervisor Sheila Gruba recommended we need to put new gravel down before chloride gets put down. She then recommended that we listen to the citizen comments and then decide what to do.

A Citizen offered to take any supervisor out and show them the bad spots. Supervisor Craig Seliskar said that would be fine.

Another citizen brought up the issue of safety on the road and the dust. Kathy and Jon at 183 Sunset. They are concerned about the health risk from inhaling the dust. There are a lot of health risks, not just for those who have asthma. Carefully think about the tradeoffs. A family nurse practitioner small particulate has been shown to be extremely detrimental to our health not just COPD it is for anyone over the age 60, under the age of 10 and basically anyone who breaths.

Supervisor Eric Hart – nothing now.

Commissioner Joe Baltich – Had nothing more to say

### **Citizens:**

Supervisor Eric Hart asked when everyone talks keep it to 3 min. He told everyone they have received the emails they have heard a lot of conversations tonight it is not falling on deaf ears we are here listening. We do listen, we are here to do what we can do what we can for you. We are going to do what we can for all the township roads all year.

John Puzel – lived on the road since 1959. He said the road if you want a good example of the road, it was graded today and said go back tomorrow and see the amount of dust.

Joe Rassmussen – his concern is of the health issue. He also is concerned he has friends that walk that have pets and wants to remind everyone there is a speed limit of 20 miles per hour. There are many days that he drives that 4 or 5 days that there are people that are going over that.



Supervisor Eric Hart also mentioned that he had an instance recently when he went down the road and almost got run off by 2 different vehicles. Supervisor Seliskar pointed out the number one killer on a dirt road is the speed. Another citizen spoke up and mentioned most of the speeding is done by contractors. That is what she has noticed. Clerk DeBeltz also urged citizens to remind visitors at properties of the speed limits.

Gene Demko – Thank you for listening to everyone, it is difficult when you have this many people with this many concerns. He is on the board of directors at the VETS on the lake and empathizes with what we are doing. We are doing the best you can. One question for funding thing it was mentioned about RAMS and Jeff Anderson, is he a lobbyist for us? He has done wonders out at the resort for other funding. We are at the end of the county, and they don't care about us. He doesn't agree with the LRIP project, but he does understand that we do need to use the funding toward that project. The dust is horrendous, the fill that was used last fall or spring has turned it into a soupy mess.

Phil Hegfors – He is the guy that hauls the dirt on your roads. The dirt we have in our neck of the woods is the slimiest dirtiest dirt we have in the country. He has been all over the country. When he loads the dirt, he does his best to mix with the silt and the rock. The dirt comes out of Low Impact, Luestek's or Swanson's pits. This is all the same dirt that the glacier left us 10 million years ago. He tries to get it, so you don't have washboards on the roads if you have them that is worse for your vehicles. He tries to do the best he can. There is better dirt out there with less silt but the trucking cost to get it here is going to be MORE. He is trying to do the best he can for the township to get the most dirt on the roads because the roads need dirt.

Kathy Miller – 153 Sunset Road 2 years ago Sunset Road was under water she was amazed at how quickly you were able to put a culvert in and now it is packed down and can use another 6 inches. We need to keep working on the road and pay attention to details.

Sheri – 20 miles an hour there has been a little blue car the past few days that has got to be going about 40mp. So, if anyone knows that person tell them to tone it down a bit.

Sue Germick – wants to see a plan on and wants specifics. This What we are going to do, and this is when we are going to do, and this is how we are going to do. I need it NOT to say this is what we are going to try and do. She wants it written down so she can look at it. Supervisor Craig Seliskar said that is why we contacted Braun Intertech at our last meeting to start working on a plan.

Gary Roderick – He loves the road. Suggested right now the big thing is dust. The next time the whole road is graded come out 36 – 40 hrs. after that to experience what is being talked about.

Larry Smith – Thank you for listening to us. One area of concern is coming up on eagle point there is logging in the area he had to slow down for a truck and a FedEx truck was behind him and couldn't see him.

Ed Seliskar – Thank you to everyone on township board for what they do. I hear about the muddy roads and the dusty roads; he feels for them. He reminded everyone in the room this is an elected board and every year there is a position available. Just like they have at the Grand Ely Lodge a little sign -" if you have a problem the service, please fill out an application."

Paul Shirke – Ring Rock Road association, 40 some in our group. Many of the use interested in chloride. They get the worst end of it since they must travel the whole 4 miles of the road. They would be interested in applying chloride to the road. He is also asked if it would be possible to negotiate to have chloride applied to the private road association. Supervisor Craig Seliskar advised he will check with Jason DiPizza if they allow private roads to work in that matter and let Mr. Shirke



know. Mr. Shirke also stated the road association would pay for that chloride application on their portion.

George Spaulding – he is the managing director of the Fortier Group. The Concept of safety at the end of the road is problematic for him he has almost been T-boned 2 or 3 times. The speed on the road is problematic, there is one speed sign at the beginning of the road that is a county sign and all the others he has bought and put up. Right after the crest of the hill on Sunset he used to have a mailbox that the USPS refused to deliver to because someone almost got killed. He stated if you try to do sodium and get the dust down. His favorite thing to do is walk the road but he can't do that due to the dust. It is a 20 mile an hour road, another comment was made about it being contractors he believes yes that is some of it he also believes it's the FedEx guy.

Chris Williams – Thank you to the guys who work on the road, they are unfailingly polite and always let you go by. So, Thank You.

Mike Devas- I think i know a solution to the speed problem, Phil why don't you put the washboard back in, just kidding. Don't do chloride until we put gravel on the muddy spots., Don't do it at the expense of making the muddy spots worse. He thinks we need a long-term plan for proper repairs on that road after on. Phil Hegfors did you put the material down last fall. Phil stated he was. Mr. Devas stated he will call someone to come and look.

Helen Spry – wet spots and a bog on one side. Is there something to do when chloride gone on because we are on a flowage. She is a WICOLA member her concerns are what might wash in the lake, we are on a flowage. The lake is almost on the road. Supervisor Eric Hart said that the Cloquet Line gets it regularly. Commissioner Baltich added that chloride is environmentally friendly.

Can someone put an action plan and an estimate of the cost and then share it. Supervisor Eric Hart

Joe Winzeral wants to know if the Cloquet Line is going to get graded? Supervisor Eric Hart advised that it needs to be graded before the chloride gets applied. It was supposed to be done at the end of May but with rain it has been delayed. I don't think the guy is grading Shady Lane. Supervisor Craig Seliskar will remind him again to grade Shady Lane.

Paula Mair- She has almost been hit several times due to speeding. It would be nice to walk the road and not have to worry about the dust and cars speeding by.

Ray Mair – 2015 they bought they have noticed the traffic has increased. And a lot of heavy trucks, speed is a concern. They have a boat lift 250ft from the road and must hand scrub the cover from all the dust. They must do the same thing with the cabin siding. They are interested in trying calcium chloride. Supervisor Eric Hart mentioned that every spring they set the budget for next year. The township has already added it to the budget for the Sunset Road and Garden Lake Road to have chloride applied. It doesn't mean we won't add it this year he just wanted everyone to be aware that it is in the budget for 2025. One last comment from Mr. Mair is that it seems like the root of the problem is the quality of the class 5. It does not sound like it is a spec class 5 that is going on the roads. He doubts that Lake County even has a spec for class 5. It sure doesn't sound like it's being used. The gradation and testing are done on all the piles from all 3 of the suppliers. Phil Hegfors went on to explain how the silt is on the inside and the rock is on the outside of pile. There is a wide margin on the silts 4% - 8% of silts in class 5.



Is there a way to get a cost breakdown of what it would cost to bring in class 5 from Lake County versus bringing it in. We don't know what the beginning number is.

Nancy McReady – on the muddy areas could you put a crushed rock or reject rock on those areas. Phil Hegfors stated that the problem would be the issue with the rocks and the possible flat tires. Joe Baltich – Introduced himself as Commissioner for Lake County district 1, here. He advised there is a meeting for the commissioners held here June 18. He would like and encourage everyone to come to the meeting and make public comments. It would be good for the commissioners to see everyone here and to hear from the public.

Ann Shaw – first would like to thank you for all the work we do. She would like to voice her concern that health issues are a major concern. She wanted to know if it is public knowledge where all our money is spent. It was mentioned in the room that every meeting the bills are paid, and Nancy McReady reports them to the Ely Echo. Supervisor Sheila Gruba also noted that at the annual meeting the citizens approve the budget. Asked to get a timeline together and goals, is there something they can do as citizens, should they come to meetings? Supervisor Craig Seliskar advised sure. He also asked what is their end goal? The end goal is to pave the Sunset. There is enough traffic and tax base on Sunset to justify paving the road. "A very small portion of taxes come back to the township," says Supervisor Craig Seliskar. Supervisor Sheila Gruba also advised that they are looking to do a count for the Sunset Road as part of the LRIP and that will determine how the road needs to be built. This portion is the first portion of the future.

Mr. Olson - Let's get a good class 5 if it costs more so be it, we deserve it! Chloride is a chemical that could cause health issues. We would hate to see chloride put down until we got past some of the road issues.

Troy Oelke – Thank you for all you do. A new entrance wouldn't hurt anything. It would solve dust for some people. If those lots don't get sold on the new portion chloride may not need to be applied to the new portion of the road and money could go further. The Sunset Road is not a straight road you are crowning then you are pitching then crowning. Even Sunset Road doesn't have near the ditching that Cloquet line that has a ton of ditching. Supervisor Eric Hart stated that we are limited to the Sunset ditch due to the roadway.

Supervisor Eric Hart – Thank you for coming tonight thank you for your civil talking. Nice and calm, everyone aired their concerns and did it respectfully. He does appreciate everyone it is not on deaf ears we are here we are listening. We started at the last meeting to start working on a better conclusion for Sunset Road and all our roads.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to have Supervisor Craig Seliskar reach out to a road contractor to patch bad spots at the discretion of the contractor and the road supervisor ahead of reaching out to Lake County and spending up to \$10,000.00 on Chloride. Supervisor Sheila Gruba wanted to have sod off at same time.

Supervisor Eric Hart advised that would drain our budget just by cutting the sod off. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2<sup>nd</sup> and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to go ahead with the MSA contract. 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Craig Seliskar a Supported Supervisor Sheila Gruba.



Clerk Cheri DeBeltz did some research to get some new office furniture. Office chairs, new tables for up front, new stackable chairs. The total for 12 chairs would be \$4295.00 Treasurer Don Stocks will check with someone in Virginia at Berger office supply and get a quote. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz would really like to see something that would be stack able so when the town hall is set up for elections and when she is cleaning it is easier to move around. And after the last few meetings it has shown we need more chairs and seating in the hall.

**Future Meetings:**

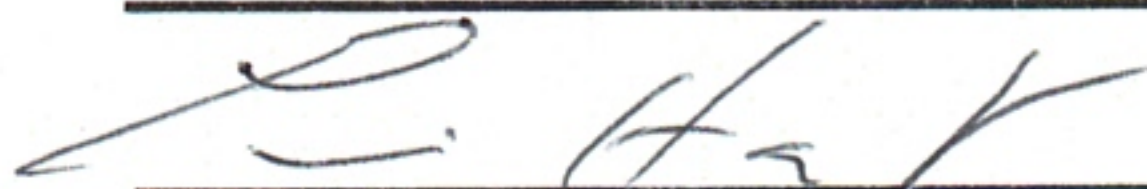
Morse Fall Lake Fire Meeting – Wednesday June 19th, 6 pm

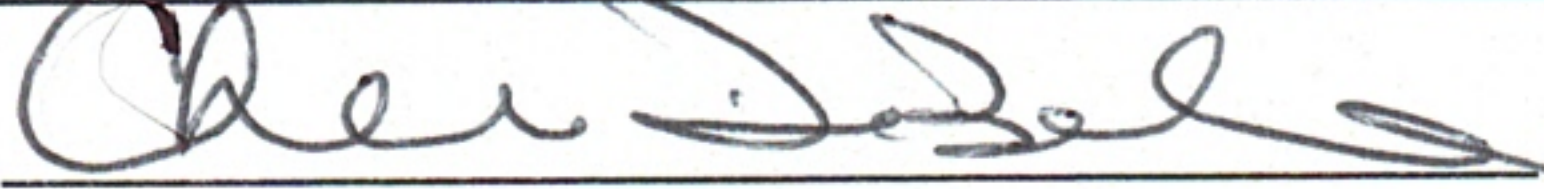
Lake County Board of Commissioners meet as a Whole – Tuesday June 18 – 6pm @ Fall Lake Township

Next Regular Township Meeting – Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> , 6 pm

Motion to pay the bills by Eric Hart, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig Seliskar & support from Sheila Gruba.

Motion by Hart, second by Seliskar, support by Gruba to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

  
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Chairman Eric Hart

  
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Clerk Cheri DeBeltz