

Minutes Special Township Meeting
Review and Disperse all Recreational Funds Request
Thursday June 20, 2024

Chairman Supervisor Eric Hart called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Supervisor Eric Hart, Supervisor Sheila Gruba, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz, Treasurer Don Stocks plus 2 citizens.

Pledge was recited

Supervisor Eric Hart started the meeting off with a discussion of how he proposes the board goes about dispersing recreational funds. He started by stating there currently there is no set thing we follow. He has reviewed all the requests we have had in the past few years. He thought it would be good to have something set to follow from now on. He made groups and an amount to donate to each of those groups and some examples of requests we have received in the past that would fall under those groupings -

Public Rec/Entertainment - \$500.00

- Northern Lakes Arts Association
- Ely – Winton Historical Society
- Ely Winter Fest
- Ely Golf Club

Senior Communities - \$500.00

- Northwoods Partners
- Ely Senior Center

Sports Boosters – \$400.00

- Ely Little League
- Ely Baseball
- End of the Road Archery
- Ely Hoop Club
- Team Borealis

Youth Programs - \$400.00

- Music Boosters
- All Night Grad Party
- Ely Community Resources
- Wolf Ridge
- Washington D.C Senior Trip

Recreational Clubs - \$1000.00

- Igloo Club
- Prospector Loop

Supervisor Eric Hart went on to explain that currently we get \$10,400.00 a year, right now we have more than that in our account. It doesn't mean we have to spend all of it. He went through and made it more even for everyone. Some groups will get less, and others will get more. Trying to balance everything out. This doesn't mean this is the only amount we can give. It is a starting point, if a group or organization has something has something breakdown or needs extra money would give them more.

The total of the requests we have received to date if we approve at the new rates would be - \$2,700.00. He went one step further and totaled what all the requests if everyone that usually submits a request the total for the year would be \$8,000.00 - \$9,000.00. This would still allow us to have room to give if someone new approached us and if an organization needed additional help.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba stated historically she believes that we must spend the entire amount every year. That we just can't sit on this money. Citizen Nancy McReady also spoke up and thought the same thing.

This is at least a starting point to work from which we can always give more.

Supervisor Eric Hart also pointed out we could use some of this money for things we would like here, such as pickle ball.

Trying to get everyone on an even playing field.

Treasurer Don Stocks pointed out we received our first allotment from Lake County in May and our 2nd one will come in November.

Citizen Nancy McReady asked Treasurer Don Stocks if he has copies of the records of the past Recreational Reports? Treasurer Don Stocks stated he did not and did not think they were here at the town hall. Sometimes he would get reports and other times he would not. Citizen Nancy McReady said it would be interesting to see how the other entities do their rec funds disbursements. According to Nancy McReady if there was a special need in the past, they could request some additional funds from Lake County.

Supervisor Eric Hart pointed out that when he was doing his calculations that \$6,350 for adult stuff and \$4,750 for Kids type funding if everything stays as he suggests.

All contributions made at this meeting have been Statutorily authorized, the contribution is for a public interest and in the towns best interest, and we can satisfy all conditions, requirements and procedures associated with the contribution.

Request received

- Ely Junior class – Supervisor Eric Hart recommendation was to take no action. Supervisor Sheila Gruba agrees based on what the statutes say. Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to take no action. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion and Supported by Supervisor Shelia Gruba
- All Night Grad Party - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to take no action due to the All-Night Grad Party having come and gone. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported.
- DC Senior's - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to take no action due to the DC Senior trip having come and gone. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported.
- Ely High School Golf - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to donate \$400.00 citing statute 365.10 Subd 14 under rec bullet point 2. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported
- Ely Historic State Theater - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to donate \$500.00 citing statute 471.941 Subd 14. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported
- Ely High Kick Club - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to donate \$400.00 citing statute 365.10 Subd 14 under rec bullet point 2. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported
- Ely Events Group - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to donate \$500.00 citing statute 365.10 Sub 12 entertainment category bullet point 2. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported. Citizen Emily Seliskar asked if we had a logo to submit to this to the Events Group? Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised the logo we currently use is on our website and is designed by Melissa Hart. Supervisor Eric Hart will reach out to her and have her send us a digital copy of the logo to submit to the Ely Events Group.
- Ely Community Resource - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to donate \$400.00 citing statute 365.10 Subd 14 under rec bullet point 2. Supervisor Shelia Gruba thought this one could fall under MN statute 471.935 because it talks about literary and education, but she agreed to leave as motioned. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported

- Ely Golf Club - Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion donate \$500.00 citing statute 365.10 Subd 14 under rec bullet point 2. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd and Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported

Treasurer Don Stocks asked what we will do with the ones we usually do in the summer, such as baseball and softball. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised we have not received any requests from them yet. The Treasurer Don Stocks asked do we need to have a request? Can we just send them the donation? Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked why give money to someone who isn't asking for it? Treasurer Don Stocks - We are supposed to disburse our funds to the rec community, if we hold on to it that it is not doing anyone any good just sitting there. Supervisor Eric Hart suggested that now that these guidelines are in place if we receive donations, we wouldn't have to hold on to them; we could just review them at the next meeting.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to adjourn at 6:32 pm. 2nd motion by Supervisor Eric Hart. Support to adjourn by Supervisor Sheila Gruba.

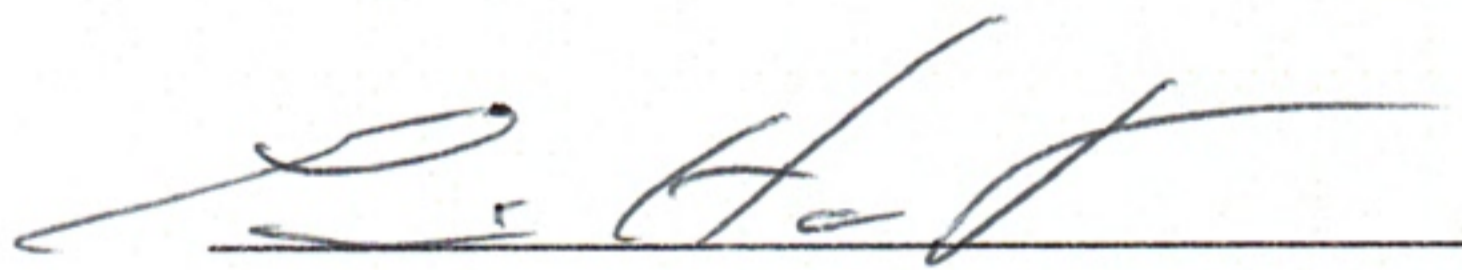
Future Meetings

Ambulance Joint Powers Meeting – Monday June 24th – 4pm Winton Community Center

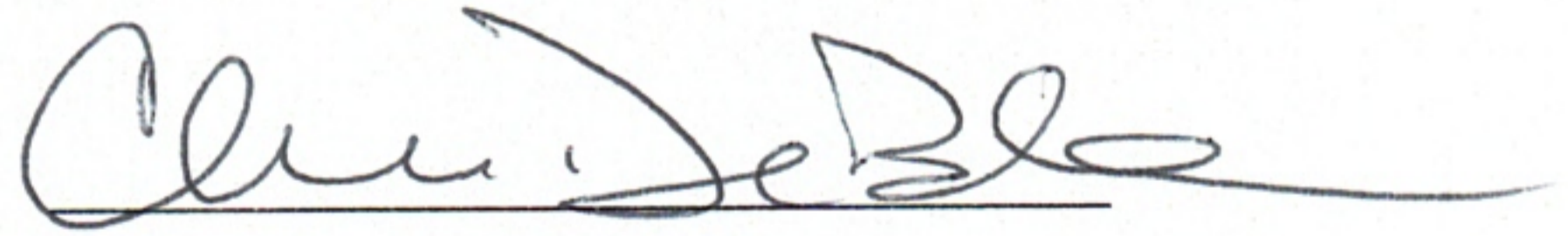
Next Regular Township Meeting – Wednesday July 3rd – 6pm Fall Lake Town Hall

Morse/Fall lake Fire Department Board Meeting – Wednesday July 17th – 6pm Fall Lake Town Hall

Lake County Planning and Zoning Meeting for Silver Rapids Lodge – Thursday July 18th – 4pm Fall Lake Town Hal



Chairman Eric Hart



Clerk Cheri DeBeltz