

TOWN OF FALL LAKE
BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Chairman Hart called the regular August meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisors: Eric Hart, Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Supervisor Sheila Gruba, Treasurer Don Stocks, Clerk Cheri DeBeltz.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with the edits provided by Sheila Gruba motion by Supervisor Sheila Gruba made the motion to approve after the edits have been made. Supervisor Eric Hart 2nd the motion and was supported by Supported Craig Seliskar.

Treasurer's report read and approved as read with motion by Hart, seconded by Supervisor Craig Seliskar & supported by Sheila Gruba. Receipts of \$239,122.57 were received and disbursements totaled \$21,181.85. Recreation fund balance is \$8,405.50. Funds available to run the township are \$449,408.63.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett stated that Doug Scheibe stated that someone took our "open" sign last Saturday morning 8/3. He would also like to consider getting some more open signs made and get some more permanent "NO PET" signs made at the same time. No one is available to work on Monday 8/13.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to close on Monday 8/12 and then reopen on Tuesday 8/13 instead. 2nd by Supervisor Sheila Gruba and Supported by Supervisor Criag Seliskar.

Supervisor Eric Hart advised he will contact Edge of the Pines Design and get a quote for new open signs and pet signs and bring it to the next meeting.

Correspondence

Received Thank you from the Ely Historic State Theater for our donation of \$500. They will be acknowledging Fall Lake Township with a silver seat plate in the Historic Theater.

Ely Community Resources send a Thank You for the donation. They also sent out their quarterly newsletter.

Thank you note received from Ely Golf Club for the donation that Fall Lake Township had sent them.

Northeast Range/Ely Girls Golf Team sent a Thank you for the donation and support of the girls' high school golf team.

Northwoods Partners sent out a letter advising them about their new beginning as a part of the new Community Hub on miners drive in Ely. An open house was held on Wednesday July 3.

The Ely High Kick Club sent a Thank You letter for the donation to help the dance line participate in competitions during the season.

RAMS sent out a flyer for lunch and Learn with IRRR Commissioner Rukavina on Thursday August 8th. If anyone is interested, they can let Clerk Cheri DeBeltz know and she can sign them up.

Minnesota Association of Townships sent out notice of District 10 Election and Meeting on Thursday August 29, 2024, at 5:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Grand Lake Town Hall.

Meeting dates were agreed upon and set for Budget Meeting on February 9 at 6:00 pm and the Board of Audit Meeting on February 23 at 6:00pm. These meetings will be added to the February Calendar.

Minnesota Association of Township sent out a notice of Webinar Registration for Cannabis implementation to be held Friday August 9 at 10:30 am.

Paula and Ray Mair sent an email – Just a Thank you or spraying Sunset Road. It is helping some with the dust. Your efforts are appreciated.

New Business

We received a letter from Range Cooperatives saying that it is time to prebuy fuel for the next heating season. A discussion was had and determined the amount of fuel used last heating season.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to prebuy 500 gallons at the rate of \$1.949/per gallon from Range Cooperatives. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported

Transfer Site will be closed on Monday August 12 and reopen on Tuesday August 13 normal business hours. Clerk DeBeltz will post online, out on the bulletin board, at the transfer site and will try to get it into the echo for advertising.

Received a Bid from Phil Hegfors for installing 2 new culverts on the beginning of Snowbank Road, installing one new culvert at the end of the first swamp and moving existing culvert closer to main road. Total bid for all work, dirt, and ordering of new culver total bid cost \$11,550.00. A discussion was had regarding this bid.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to table this bid except for ordering the one 15ft x 40ft culvert aluminized. Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked for clarification if that meant someone needed to go up there to put eyes on project or why the reason for tabling. Supervisor Eric Hart advised that more for time to review budget, he understands that why the culverts need to be put in, due to the road conditions being unfavorable. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – Supervisor Sheila Gruba gave an update, MSA is working on layout of road based on topography and state standards. Supervisor Seliskar did ask if we have an agreement in place with the landowners yet and Supervisor Sheila Gruba advised us that they are still working on the legal description.

Power Dam Road – Clerk Cheri DeBeltz gave update regarding the power dam road. She advised that she is working with Bob Ruppe on the legal issues with the Power Dam Road. Getting the Road Vacation legalized from 1994 and trying to get the Power Dam Road memorialized as public.

Locust Lane – a discussion was had regarding the Townships legal responsibility if a road is built. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz read Steve Fenske’s legal advice he had given the board on this subject. In which it states the township COULD be expected to contribute to pay for a road as an owner within the plat. Supervisor Eric Hart asked the landowner Ed Seliskar if he is going to open the road and he said he is going to. He is not asking the township to be responsible for putting the road in.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to have clerk Cheri DeBeltz reach out to our attorney Bob Ruppe and find out exactly what our township liability would be if a road were built due to our frontage on the property. Supervisor Eric Hart 2nd with the amended the motion to include once Clerk DeBeltz hears back from Mr. Ruppe to let the property owner Ed Seliskar know so he can move forward with his project. Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported the motion with the amendment. Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported the motion. And, to speak to the attorney about gravel on locust if Steve Fenske sends refers us back to him.

After that Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked if this was moving forward then we need to have a discussion on what happens to the gravel on the property. Supervisor Sheila Gruba said she would research this and bring it back to the board next month. She will reach out to Steve Fenske -

Is legal for the township to exchange gravel for the same amount of gravel at a future time? Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will reach out to Steve Fenske that way if he refers to attorney, she will speak to Mr. Ruppe about it at same time Locust question.

Warren Johnson Parcel Sale –

Supervisor Sheila Gruba did speak to Jeff Schulze and there is plenty of property here for a septic system if we need. Supervisor Sheila Gruba recommended not to purchase the property because she stated “we have ample room for a septic and well on existing township property, she stated it would be too far to push line from there to town hall for a septic system, she said there are 40 acres at the transfer site for a proposed community center if approved by citizens. “Supervisor Eric Hart prefers the new facility at the current location. He feels it is a good purchase for the future trails and well and septic room should ours fail at current site. Supervisor Craig Seliskar would like the purchase for the opportunity to possibly improve Locust Lane and other road issues around that property.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to move ahead with the offer to purchase the property from Warren Johnson. Include the survey and closing costs. Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported. Supervisor Sheila Gruba does not support it.

Weisinger Townhall doors –

Supervisor Eric Hart he did have a conversation with him. He is going to order the doors and get all insurance information over to us.

Community Center –

Supervisor Craig Seliskar gave an update that a small group toured the Morse Fall Lake fire hall. The building thought would need to expand and change things for new community center. Next meeting could be to tour the Transfer Site and walk through there. Janelle Hart will send out email to the community center group.

Recreation Fund Requests

Ely Water cross Association sent a donation request to help bring some fun and excitement to the Ely area. Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to give a \$500.00 donation based on statute

365.10 sub-12. Supervisor Shelia Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Sheila Gruba

Gave an update on a Lodging tax virtual meeting she is attending on 7/15/24. Cindy Smyka is working with Lake County to get on boarding for Granicus software. Lake County will review once it is in place.

She also spoke on Dark Skies even January 10-11, 2025. She will send Cheri the flyer so it can be added to the website.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar

Beaver trapping is done, 8 beaver and multiple dams.

Chloride has been applied to both Sunset and Cloquet line roads.

BraunInterc drilling has begun

He would like someone to come out and look at the mini split and service it. OJ's HVAC would be an option.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to have OJ's come out and look at the mini split and furnace. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion and was supported by Supervisor Sheila Gruba.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba did ask Supervisor Craig Seliskar what roads have been drilled by BraunInterc. Supervisor Craig Seliskar supplied her with that list. She then also gave a list of roads that were built to state specifications for our information.

Supervisor Eric Hart

RC seal coating will be here on Friday 9th or 10th he will put some cones out.

Citizens

Ernie Seliskar – Regarding Power Dam Road and if MN Power asked if they considered Rocky Ridge Road. It was advised that it was brought up at the meeting and they were not interested.

Thanks for the Chloride it is way better.

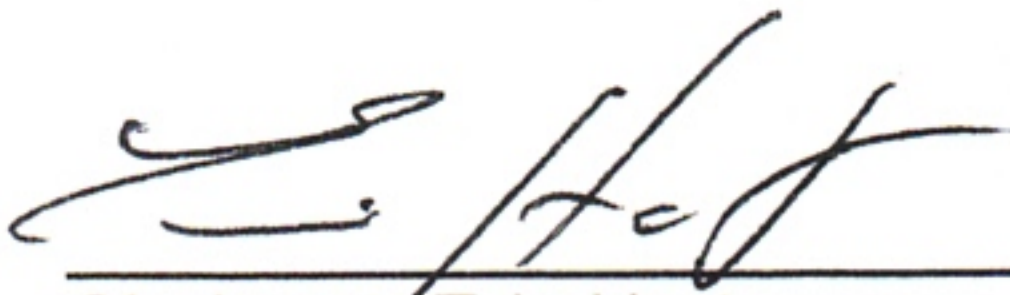
Coming up for 58yrs from Ray township in MI. It's always fun to come and see how we do thing and get down to basics.

20 new chairs have been ordered and delivered.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar asked for a short personal meeting after this meeting.

Motion by Eric Hart, 2nd by Craig Seliskar & supported Sheila Gruba, to approve and pay the bills.

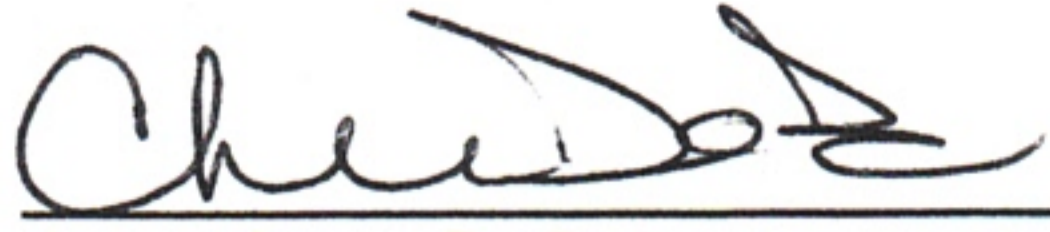
Motion by Eric Hart, 2nd by Craig Seliskar and supported by Sheila Gruba, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm.



Chairman Eric Hart

9-18-24

Date



Clerk Cheri DeBeltz

9/14/24

Date