

TOWN OF FALL LAKE

BOARD MINUTES – Monday, March 3, 2025

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

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 Eric Hart 2nd the motion.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Don Stocks and approved as read with motion by Supervisor Eric Hart, seconded by Supervisor Sheila Gruba & supported by Supervisor Craig Seliskar. Receipts of \$34,080.45 were received and disbursements totaled \$90,901.03. The recreation fund balance is \$10,606.30. Funds available to run the township are \$286,514.49.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett bag sales have been low. St. Louis County is coming out to get the full bins.

Correspondence

We received a Thank you from Ely Public Schools for the generous donation of \$400.00 for the Wolf Ridge Trip this year.

RAMS sent a notice of an upcoming conference on April 3rd at 8am. This is for the Iron Range Brownfields and Land Redevelopment Conference to be held at the Iron Trail Motors and Event Center in Virginia MN.

New Business

Supervisor Sheila Gruba has put in her resignation effective immediately on Friday 2/21/25. Chairman Supervisor Eric Hart advised the citizens in attendance.

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz consulted with Minnesota Association of Townships and we will need to appoint a supervisor for this year and then at the next annual election have a 1-year term supervisor on the ballot for the remainder of Sheila Gruba's seat.

A discussion was had and decided that Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will post an ad in the paper and online to have any interested parties to reach out to the township by March 12. Then the board will have a Special Meeting on Tuesday March 18th at 6:00pm to interview any interested parties and then appoint the new supervisor.

Paul Peltier – Rams – he came and presented to board as to what RAMS history and what they do. They are a NON-Partisan board of 24 members. He also presented on B.E.A.D (Broadband Equity Access Deployment) There is \$652 million dollars in federal funds available to the state of Minnesota. He wants to try and get as much of that money "up north". This is for areas that are underserved or not served at all currently.

George Spaulding – Sunset Road – he spoke and advised that after learning of Supervisor Sheila Gruba's resignation he called and begged Jeff Goetzman from MSA to please come and give an update to the board and himself where they are with the LRIP grant and the sunset road project. Especially with the looming deadline coming up.

Jeff Goetzman – MSA Update LRIP Sunset Road – the design is about 90 -95% figured out. There has been some shifting around of the route to avoid wetlands and rocks. The permits have not all been approved yet. One deadline is all trees over 5 inches need to be cut and laid down before 3/31/25 due to the Long-Eared Bat habitat.

A discussion was had with the board and Mr. & Mrs. Spaulding, they are willing to donate the land that the road will be built on but that land donation has not been done and will not be completed until all the permits are approved. The town board does not want to cut tress on land they do not own.

A motion was made by Supervisor Eric Hart that The Spaulding's can cut the trees on their own property at their own expense. Then we purchase the road right of way for the amount of the Elroy Kuehl estimate of \$15,000.00 at the time of approval of all the permits, plans and specs. At that time we would pay The Spaulding's for the road right of way. Motion was 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar.

The Spaulding's also requested that once it is time to name the short spur that will remain to please name that Fortier Trail. The board took that under request.

WICOLA – was on the agenda and did not show up to present. They had sent an email to include for discuss

Budget Meeting Date – Wednesday February 26, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Spring Short Courses – A discussion was had regarding if anyone could or would be attending.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to pay for room and meals within allotted amount. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion.

Phil Hegfors Bid – discussion was had and decided to table til after the annual road inspection. Also noted that Phil Hegfors would like to come out on the road inspection with the group this year.

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – Was covered earlier in the meeting.

Community Center Group – Matt Johnson from HRA at Lake County spoke with Commissioner Joe Baltich. The county would like to set aside \$25,000.00 as a match for a new community center. Then a discussion was had regarding where and how the township could come up with \$25,000.00. Paul Peltier gave some ideas of DNR, Parks, LCCMR (legacy grants) as a place to start.

Parking Lot Purchase from Lake County – Commissioner Joe Baltich he is going to check on this.

2025 Aggregate from Lake County – decided to pass on this at this time. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will notify Lake County of that decision.

Commissioner Joe Baltich – Gave his update of what he has been going on at the county level and the projects he has been working with.

Recreational Funds Request – Ely All Night Grad Party for the class of 2025.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to donate \$400.00 to the Ely All Night Grad Party citing Statute 365.10. Supervisor Craig Seliskar 2nd the motion.

Commissioner Joe Baltich – Gave his update of what he has been going on at the county level and the projects he has been working with.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Craig Seliskar – plowing and sanding have been going on. Clearing of the trees on Cloquet Line will take place in March 2025.

Supervisor Eric Hart- nothing at this time.

Commissioner Joe Baltich – Gave his update of what he has been going on at the county level and the projects he has been working with.

Citizens

Ernie Seliskar – wanted to know what the outcome of the disputed St. Louis County Salt/Sand bill is. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz advised a new bill was received for the corrected amount.

Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar to pay the bills.

Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm.


Chairman Eric Hart

4/2/25
Date


Clerk Cheri DeBeltz

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