

TOWN OF FALL LAKE

BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Chairman Hart called the regular January meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge recited. Present Supervisor Eric Hart, Supervisor Craig Seliskar, Supervisor Sheila Gruba, 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 Sheila Gruba supported only with the edits she recommended. Supervisor Eric Hart supported 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 Craig Seliskar. Receipts of \$145,276.04 were received and disbursements totaled \$65,117.64. The recreation fund balance is \$11,406.30. Funds available to run the township are \$359,433.44.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett – Lots of ruts on the ground. He had Supervisor Craig Seliskar get ahold of Jeff Schulz to knock them down. Section 30 will be emptying the dumpsters and tip the bin that needs repair when he is out there. Supervisor Craig Seliskar spoke to Jeff Schulze and he will knock down the ruts when the temps warm up.

Correspondence

Minnesota Association of Townships sent a notice and invite to Township Day at the Capitol on Monday January 27, 2025. 10:30 – 5:00 pm. All Officers are invited.

Minnesota Pollution Control sent an email to advise there is a grant available to upgrade stormwater systems for the impacts of climate change. Applications due by 4pm on Thursday February 27, 2025.

We received a package of cookies and a Christmas card from MSA.

New Business

Lake County Cannabis Ordinance –

Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will get the finalized copy of the Cannabis Ordinance from Lake County to have on file here and to table until the next meeting for review.

MSA Bill –

We received the bill up to date from MSA was given to the supervisors to review before Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and Treasurer Don Stocks paid the bill. A discussion was had regarding the bill. It was approved previously that it was approved to \$98,000.00 for engineering costs.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to pay the bill in the amount of \$46,962.75. 2nd the motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and supported Supervisor Craig Seliskar.

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – Supervisor Sheila Gruba gave an update on status. Jeff Goetzman is still finalizing the plan. Costs are higher than estimated due to rock found when Twin Ports Testing Drilled. The roadway alignment will need to shift south. George Spaulding is on board with this

change and shift. MSA is working on completing the plan and still finalizing the cost of the shift. We are still waiting for final approval before we approve and finalize the land donation. The township will need to cut trees 5 inches and up before March 31, 2025 for the protection of the long-eared bat. This will help reduce costs on the overall bid. Supervisor Sheila Gruba did get a bid from Elroy Kuehl logging for the amount of \$15,000.00 to remove the trees.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to have Elroy Kuehl remove the trees 5 inches in size and up for the amount of \$15,000.00. Pending final approval for him to actually go and cut. 2nd by Supervisor Eric Hart and supported by Craig Seliskar.

Community Center Group – Supervisor Craig Seliskar we are still waiting to hear back on the status of the grant application hopefully will hear back this month.

Parking Lot Purchase from Lake County – Commissioner Joe Baltich he gave update and said he found our original letter dated 6/18/24. That is now being worked on by Nate Eide's team.

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.

2025 Aggregate from Lake County - Clerk Cheri DeBeltz received an email from Jason DiPiazza at Lake County to clarify the aggregate they do not recommend utilizing gravel from the crushing project on a separate contract for the Sunset Road project. He still advised to have us determine our need and budget and get back to them

Recreational Funds Request –

Ely High Kick Club – Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to make a donation of \$400.00 to the Ely High Kick Club. Citing statute 365.10 sub-10. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar abstained.

Ely Nordic Wolves – Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to make a donation of \$400.00 to the Ely Nordic Wolves. Citing statute 365.10 sub-10. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar abstained.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Sheila Gruba – Attended the Annual RAMS meeting and gave an update on that.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar – he is still working on the burning site/collection permit. He gave an update on that, we may need to keep ash on site and may need to have it buried. Cloquet line is supposed to start cutting trees down on the county line soon.

Supervisor Eric Hart – nothing currently.

Citizens

Ernie Seliskar - is wondering if the county is going to do anything about the washouts on the shoulder of the road.

Ed Seliskar - Collection boxes on the side of the road does our plow have to watch for them?

Nancy McReady – Cloquet line needs sanding and Shady Lane also.

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

Motion by Supervisor Eric Hart and 2nd by Supervisor Craig Seliskar and Supported by Supervisor Sheila Gruba, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Personnel Meeting was starting immediately following.

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to get a \$50.00 Visa gift card for Doug Scheibe.
Clerk Cheri DeBeltz will send out to him.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to adjourn personnel meeting at 7:35 pm and 2nd Shelia Gruba and supported by Supervisor Eric Hart.

 2/12/25
Chairman Eric Hart Date

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