

TOWN OF FALL LAKE

BOARD MINUTES – Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Chairman Hart called the regular December 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 Eric Hart 2nd the motion. Supervisor Sheila Gruba supported only with the edits she recommended.

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 \$1,195.58 were received and disbursements totaled \$28,161.30. The recreation fund balance is \$12,206.01. Funds available to run the township are \$251,425.19.

Transfer Site: Dean Barrett snowblower is working well. The garbage bin needs to be fixed; Section 30 Disposal can't flip the bin. Maybe Schulze could do that. They will put a sign on the bin, so no one uses it. Bag Sales are slow. Supervisor Craig Seliskar advised Schulze to be there on Friday 12/6 to burn the brush pile. Supervisor Seliskar obtained a burning permit that is good for 1 week and was issued on 12/4.

Correspondence

Received a letter from Lake County Land Commissioner giving the township notice of Sealed Bid Timber Auction being held on 12/4/24. It will be held at 10:00 am in the Split Rock Conference room in the Lake County Health and Human Services building.

An email was received from the Minnesota Association of Townships about a survey for Winter Maintenance.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency sent an email advising grants available for small communities to plan for the impacts of climate change. You can apply by 1/1/25.

Ely Winton Historical Society sent their quarterly newsletter.

We received an email from Central MN Council on Aging. There is an informational webinar that was held on 12/2/24.

Northwoods Partners sent a notice that their appreciation Reception was held on Sunday 11/24/24 at the Grand Ely Lodge.

A Thank you was received from the Family of Mary Ann Shober for the plant that was sent in memorial of her.

A Thank you was received from the Ely Hoop Club for the donation made to them.

Lake County Administrator send an email to the township regarding – Proposed Lake County Cannabis Ordinance. Public hearing being held on 12/17 at 2:30 at the Lake County Service Center.

New Business

Power Dam Road

We have finalized everything with our Attorney regarding the Power Dam Road and have sent that on to Debra Kellner at Minnesota Power. She emailed back and stated that our opinion from Attorney Ruppe has provided great clarity. They (MN Power) would like to know if Fall Lake Township intends to resume/continue maintaining the Power Dam Road to maintain their rights under statutory user's law. A discussion was had by the board. It was decided that we will look at the road conditions in the spring during our annual road inspections. As for any plowing for this winter –

Supervisor Eric Hart made a motion to have Clerk Cheri DeBeltz draft a letter to MN Power and advise them, we will look at the road in the spring for any repairs needed at that time. But to ask if MN Power is planning on continuing to plow this winter season or will Fall Lake Township need to hire someone to do so. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd and Supervisor Craig Seliskar supported.

Dark Sky Proclamation – Citizen Hudson Kingston presented about the upcoming Dark Sky event in Ely on 1/10/25 – 1/11/25 and provided a Proclamation that both the city of Ely and Winton have supported.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba made a motion to support the Dark Sky proclamation 2nd by Supervisor Eric Hart and supports the event Supervisor Craig Seliskar.

Hazard Mitigation Resolution –

We received an email from Matt Pollman he advised that FEMA has approved their Hazardous Mitigation Plan. For us to get FEMA funding Each township now needs to adopt a resolution showing that they will be adopting the Lake County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz drafted a resolution to show that.

Supervisor Sheila Gruba mentioned that NO Dams were mentioned in this plan. We need to pass this on to be included in the findings. Matt Pollman will be adding it to his meeting in January 2025.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to adopt the resolution and Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd the motion and Supervisor Eric Hart supported.

Old Business

Sunset Road – LRIP – Supervisor Sheila Gruba gave an update on status. Jeff Goetzman is still finalizing the plan. There was more rock than originally thought. There is going to be a meeting this week with Mr. Goetzman and Jason DiPiazza and Supervisor Sheila Gruba to discuss. We are still waiting for final approval before we approve and finalize the land donation. We will then need to have an emergency meeting to get this done.

Community Center Group – Supervisor Craig Seliskar the group has submitted the grant application we should be hearing back by mid-January.

Johnson Parcel Sale – Clerk Cheri DeBeltz the closing is now set for Thursday December 5th at 10:30 at Northeast Title Company. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and Supervisor/Chairman Eric Hart will be going to do the signing.

RAMS Annual Dinner is set for 12/19 at 6:00. Sheila Gruba wanted to make sure and double check with the other supervisors if any of them would like to attend, before she sends in the RSVP. Supervisor Craig Seliskar will also attend.

2025 Aggregate from Lake County - Clerk Cheri DeBeltz received an email from Jason DiPiazza at Lake County to clarify the aggregate if there would be a pit closer to Fall Lake Township. This email explains Lake County will be crushing in the near future and at which time Fall Lake Township can decide whether or not to participate in the contract. If we are interested in obtaining processed/crushed gravel material, please let them know how much/what budge we have in mind. A discussion was had and that we are interested in this but not sure on quantities. Clerk DeBeltz will reach out and let them know to keep us in mind.

New Chairs and Rack – the new chair rack is still in the back garage and needs to be assembled. Just a reminder if someone could please do that.

Recreational Funds Request –

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

Class of 2031 – Supervisor Craig Seliskar made a motion to make a donation of \$400.00 to go to Wolf Ridge. Citing statute 365.10 sub-10. Supervisor Sheila Gruba 2nd and Supervisor Eric Hart abstained.

Supervisor Comments

Supervisor Sheila Gruba - They had a meeting on November 20, 2024, with the Community Economic Joint Powers and set the agenda for the Legislative Meeting on 12/16 at the Grand Ely Lodge start time 11:30 for lunch and meeting to follow. The agenda will include – Lodging Tax, State Aid for Townships, Social Security, Wolf Delisting, Local Government Aid, Housing, and EMS. Clerk Cheri DeBeltz also asked Supervisor Sheila Gruba to have an email be sent to the township just to let us know about this in the future. In years past it was always brought to the attention of the board to find out if there were any topics they wanted to bring up.

Supervisor Craig Seliskar - Jeff Schulze is planning on burning the brush pile. Supervisor Craig Seliskar will let the dispatch know and Ted Krueger knows as well. The MN DNR suggested we designate that as a burning site. Supervisor Seliskar sent that form to Clerk Cheri DeBeltz for help in filling out.

Supervisor Eric Hart - nothing currently.

Commissioner Joe Baltich – was not able to attend meeting due to being in car accident the night before. He did talk to Clerk Cheri DeBeltz and asked if she would let everyone know that the Planning and Zoning board is going to have an opening. They are looking for Fall Lake Township residents for that role.

Lodging Tax Board Meeting - Treasurer Don Stocks they have a resolution but haven't acted on it yet. They have taken Stoney River out of it; they chose for their funds to go to Two Harbors. They are hopeful that the next meeting will be held in January.


Citizens

Nothing from citizens at this time.

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

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

 1-14-25
Chairman Eric Hart Date

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Clerk Cheri DeBeltz Date