

Fish Lake Township
2170 Brunswick Road
Harris, MN 55032

March 8, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk, called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM, all in attendance stood and recited the pledge of allegiance. The town officers were then introduced.

Motion made by Rob Anderson and seconded by Deborah Guse to elect Cindy Carlson as moderator. All in favor

Commissioner Mike Robinson was present to answer any questions from the residents and to let them know what currently is happening at Chisago County. Chisago County Road 4 and County Road 8 are scheduled to be resurfaced this summer. Research on a new county jail is still being competed and it looks that the tax increase would be an additional \$20 on a home valued at \$100,000. A solar plant may be built on the North Branch, Sunrise and Lent Township lines.

Motion made by Jim Thill and seconded by Deborah Guse to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor.

Motion made by Rick Klick and seconded by Laura Wiering to waive the reading and approve the 2015 annual meeting minutes as presented. All in favor.

The Board of Audit report was presented and read aloud by Clerk Nekowitsch.

2016 Levy Discussion

Motion made by Deborah Guse and seconded by Darlene Merkle to approve the General Levy amount of \$63,600. All in favor.

Motion made by Gary Guse, Sr. and seconded by Arlene Burda to approve the Fire Levy amount of \$46,000. All in favor.

Motion made by Jim Thill and seconded by Gary Guse, Sr. to approve the Road and Bridge Levy amount of \$377,200. All in favor.

General Discussion

Rick Klick inquired about reversion of County Roads to Townships. The township updated Mr. Klick and the audience that recently, the Minnesota Association of Townships has prepared a Resolution to amend Mn. Statute 163.11 (Powers Relating to Highways; Revocation and reversion; vacation by city or town) that would take into account the cost of the additional road mileage. Additionally, in 2015 Fish Lake Township was able to come to a written agreement with Chisago County Board that extended the maintenance terms beyond the two-year time required as set forth in Mn. Statute 163.11 to the County providing maintenance for up to 5 years. Rick Klick also asked how the time worked by full-time road maintenance employee, Gary Guse, is tracked. The response was that there is no statutory requirement that compels a specific method of tracking time worked and the Township's procedure is that the day's start and end time is tracked daily on a calendar that directly corresponds with the work performed that day.

Residents in attendance asked how the abandon houses Stark could be torn down or cleaned up. It was noted that code enforcement is handled by Steve Putman at Chisago County.

Motion made by Donna Neiman and seconded by Grace Schwaab to set the 2017 annual meeting for the 2nd Tuesday in March 2017 at the Fish Lake Township Hall beginning at 8:05 p.m., All in favor.

Motion made by Jim Thill and seconded by Diane Larkin to adjourn. Motion passed.

Election Results: 51 Votes Cast

Bruce Fitzwater – 50 Votes Dale Thiry – 1 Vote