



# Fish Lake Township

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## Town Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2020

Board Members Present: Chair Bruce Fitzwater, Supervisor Diane Larkin,  
Treasurer Sharon McAndrew, Clerk Andrea Nekowitsch

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Johnson

Others Present: Gary Guse, Road Maintenance,

**Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda:** Chairman Fitzwater called the Regular Monthly Fish Lake Town Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all. Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Fitzwater to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes; motion passed.

**Road Report:** Gary Guse presented the road report. In the month of February 2020, most of the time was spent on snow and ice removal and road maintenance. A ditching project and tree trimming will be performed on Buffalo Trail later this year, the vegetation is overgrown and become detrimental to Township equipment and needs to be removed. The property owners at the location of the project were notified on October 14, 2019, that the project will be taking place the summer of 2020 and they will need to remove their fence that is in the right of way; MN Statute 160.2715 was also included in the letter. The trees and vegetation that will be removed have been marked by the contractor.

**Treasurers Report:** The Board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Bank Balances as of: 2/29/2020			
<b>Blacktop Fund (1<sup>st</sup> Bank)</b>	\$32,934.86	<b>Broadband Debt. Service</b>	\$11,231.91
<b>Savings (1<sup>st</sup> Bank)</b>	\$76,362.75	<b>Anchor Ave. Debt Service</b>	\$26,268.29
<b>Savings (Camb. State)</b>	\$292,692.85	<b>Checking</b>	\$3,295.45

*Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Fitzwater to accept the Treasurer's Report, approve payment of check #13348 to #13364, for the amount of \$68,578.23, authorize up to \$500.00 in operating disbursements for the upcoming month, approve the claims list as presented and transfer \$42,150 from Checking to Savings and the transfer of \$92.83 from Savings to Anchor Ave, \$1187.88 from Savings to Broadband, \$363.73 from Savings to Anchor and \$71,000 from Savings to Checking. All ayes; motion passed*

**Board of Audit.** The Board performed the annual Board of Audit and reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer's financials. The Board also reviews the bank account, disbursements and revenue on a monthly basis throughout the year.

**Interest rates at other banks.** Treasurer McAndrew researched other banks to see what their interest rates are and at this our current bank is providing the best rates.

**Close Bank Account.** *Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Fitzwater for Treasurer McAndrew to close the Blacktop Fund Bank Account and move the money All ayes; motion passed*

**Minutes:** *Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Larkin to approve the minutes of the previous month's meeting. All ayes; motion passed.*

**Appointments:**

None.

**Clerk Report:**

The Board approved to paint the interior hall and bathrooms, strip and wax the floor and other routine maintenance items.

**Board Member Reports:**

None

**Old Business:**

**Future Maintenance for Blue Heron Trail/482<sup>nd</sup> Street.** Fish Lake Township approached Nessel Township to meet and discuss the following recommendations for a road maintenance project for 2022.

**Leveling Course & 1.5" Overlay Option - \$153,385**

Pave 1/2" Leveling Course; Pave 1.5" Overlay. The Wear course will be rolled to match all existing driveways best as possible. No Milling or paving of driveways is included. Black dirt Shouldering in residential section of road, and class 5 once away from houses. Seeding & Restoration. Striping to match existing.

**Reclaim, Shape and Pave Option - \$320,000**

Reclaiming the existing road; Shape Reclaim and prepare for paving. Paving 4" of mix in two separate lifts. Milling and paving of driveways to match new height of road. Concrete drives have been factored in as well. Black dirt Shouldering in residential section of road, and class 5 once away from houses. Seeding & Restoration. Striping to match existing.

**1" Mill and 2" Overlay Option - \$170,000**

Mill 1" Depth; Pave 2" Wear Course. The Wear course will be rolled to match all existing driveways best as possible. No Milling or paving of driveways is included. Black dirt Shouldering in residential section of road, and class 5 once away from houses. Seeding & Restoration. Striping to match existing.

Above pricing includes materials and labor estimated for year 2020. Escalation will apply for future years.

On 3/5/2020 Nessel Township Clerk responded to Fish Lake's earlier emails to schedule a meeting and stated that Nessel would not be able to meet until after the March 2020 Township and Annual meetings.

**2021 Proposed Budget.** Motion made by Larkin and seconded by Fitzwater to approve the 2021 proposed budget of \$865,256 to present at the March 10, 2020 annual town meeting. All ayes; motion passed.

**New Business:**

None.

**Citizen Comment:**

None.

Motion made by Fitzwater and seconded by Larkin to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. All ayes; motion passed.

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Bruce Fitzwater, Chair

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Andrea Nekowitsch, Clerk

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Date