

# TOWN OF FALL LAKE

## BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Chair Gruba called the regular August meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Pledge cited.

Present: Supervisors Gruba, Seliskar, Tome, Treasure Stocks, Clerk Skube, Deputy Clerk Gruba and 6 citizens.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved with motion by Tome, support by Seliskar, and Gruba.

Krysten Foster, Lake County Engineer provided an update on the storm cleanup. They are finishing clean up in the Fernberg Rd, Moose Lake Rd, Spruce Rd, and this area. They will be moving back to Finland this week. They will be back in our area this Fall with a brush cutter to continue with brushing. Rocks will be exposed in ditches when brushing is completed. They are working to improve sign visibility.

- Lake County is soliciting bids for the Garden Lake Bridge preservation project. Bid out for work to be completed this Fall and finished next year. The railing will be changed and the bridge will be painted underneath.
- Citizen voiced concern about visibility from the west entrance of the Wood Lake parking lot. Krysten Foster will check on the exit. Thank you for filling the potholes on the west side of the Silver Rapids bridge.
- Paving the middle section of Hwy 2 is on their 5 year plan.
- Culvert inspections are underway by interns. They received a grant from the DNR for system wide inspections, supported by the Bozer Grant. Once completed, it will give the perspective on the culvert inventory.

Supervisor Gruba reported the Cloquet Line feasibility study will be wrapped up by the end of the week. The next step is to meet with Lake County and St Louis County to formulate a plan.

Peter Walsh, our County Commissioner, was in attendance to answer any questions or concerns.

- Lake Connections is working to redo their loan as construction funds ran short. No internet for our township in 2016. State auditor and Sve reviewed their financial records.
- Supervisor Tome requested letter on the outcome of School Trust Land in BWCA exchange. She requested it be emailed to her.

Treasurer's report read and approved with motion by Gruba, support by Seliskar. Receipts of \$4552.31 were received and disbursements totaled \$54,586.34, leaving a balance of \$191,407.83 (which does not include the grant for Pine Road paving project or Fire Truck). Recreation fund balance is \$5173.48.

Transfer Site – Needs brushing. Lost keys dropped at the transfer site were turned into Clerk Skube by transfer site attendant. Fan donated for the shack. GMen needs total for the last 3 months bag count. Attendant needs additional forms for bag sales. Going forward the attendant will give the bag count to the GMen when he calls to request pickup of full dumpsters.

Correspondence:

3 new 911 fire numbers on spur off of Shady Lane. Request road to be named one of three names: Fall View Trail, Chickadee Lane, or Lazy Dog Lane. Motion by Tome, support by Gruba that it be named Chickadee Lane.

Minnesota 2017 Certified Town Aid \$6514.00, July 20, 2017 and December 26, 2017.

Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Registration, 6:00 PM meeting. Grand Lake Town Hall, St Louis County, Hwy 53 N, downtown Twig.

Ely-Winton Summer Series presentation Joseph Perko, 1965 Land Exchange, 8/10/16, 7:00 PM.

Letter from attorney upcoming cart way. Needs signature after vouchers are approved.

BJ Kohlstedt, Director, Lake County Emergency Management, is getting information to news and agencies on debris/brush removal. Request the township residents to burn brush on their own property, if they can. She is impressed with township/county on cleanup after the storm. Lake County declared a storm disaster so the county qualifies for the State Disaster Assistance Fund. Damage does not FEMA requirements, but is greater than the county/township can handle. If you have an anecdote, information, photos, damage to mobile homes, homes etc... contact BJ at Lake County. [bj.kohlstedt@co.lake.mn.us](mailto:bj.kohlstedt@co.lake.mn.us) or 218-226-4444. Or google Lake County Emergency Management.

The State of MN is working on volunteer response to clear debris off of properties for low income, senior, vets, and disabled. Contact Emergency Management above on the Lake County website. Stevens Grant – For non-Forest Service areas. The landowner qualifies if within a few miles of Forest Service area. Lake County needs to apply by 8/15/16.

Lake County will contact you and clear up to 20 acres of balsam trees. A match is required. In kind work can be the match.

Resources regarding cleanup should be on the web by the end of the week.

Another fund: Title 3 Firewise Fund – Use to clear around your home or road and Lake County hire contractors to chip it.

- Requirement: Entire community must be interested in becoming a Firewise USA community.
- Community Assessment must be completed. Cost is \$2.00 per resident in match.
- Homeowners must be involved.
- Balance: birds, aesthetics, privacy, etc...

Contact Matt Tyler, 218-226-4444, or BJ Kohlstedt, if interested.

Lake County will publish in the Ely Echo.

Funds cannot be obtained for roof damage. Private homeowners insurance should cover.

Pits open for storm brush and trees 6" or less are Gillipie and Cloquet Line Pit (north of Brown's Lake) are open for brush.

August 19, 2016 is the deadline for brush to be taken to the Gillipie or Cloquet Line pits. Lake County will extend the date, if needed.

BJ Kohlstedt will look into chainsaw training for interested local residents so they can assist with cleanup.

Supervisor Reports: Tome reported there is one tree down on Point Drive. Seliskar is meeting with the person to grind this week.

Citizens:

- Gravel on Ernie's Road is holding up.
- Primary Election August 9, 2016 - Polls open 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.
- Next Morse/Fall Lake Fire meeting – Wednesday August 17, 2016
- Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, September 6, 2016 – 6:00 PM

Motion by Gruba, support by Tome that all bills read be paid. Checks and claim vouchers were signed.

Gruba signed petition form to establish a cartway hearing. Hearing set for August 18, 2016, Fall Lake Town Hall at 6:00 PM.

Motion by Tome to adjourn meeting, second by Gruba. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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Sheila Gruba, Deputy Clerk

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Rod Gruba, Chair

