

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING

February 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Ellsburg Town hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Chairman Arrlette Krog, Supervisor Kevin Davidson, Treasurer Elaine Wick and Clerk Cindy Brown. Present via Zoom were Vice Chair Beth Caple and Deputy Treasurer Aubreanna McKeever. Guests present were: Heidi Yokel, Jeff Dulinski, Dale Wick and Lee Voigt.

Clerks minutes for January 2021 were read.

TREASURER REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021						
	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery	Capital Impr
Beginning Balance January 1, 2021	125,098.60	86,286.88	21,725.04	0.00	7,086.68	10,000.00
Receipts	3,696.17	1,428.07	0.00	2,268.10	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	5,822.21	3,554.11	0.00	2,268.10	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance January 31, 2021	122,972.56	84,160.84	21,725.04	0.00	7,086.68	10,000.00

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT			
Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
Arvig	Telephone and internet	8004	\$295.69
EVFD	Fire fighting contract	8005	\$2,268.10
Stan Jophnston	web services	8006	\$67.66
Lake Country Power	electricity	8007	\$265.61
MATIT	Insurance premium	8008	\$342.00
SLCAT	dues	8009	\$510.30
St Louis County Auditor	Proposed tax prep	8010	\$134.72
TAG Handyman Svcs	snow removal	8011	\$550.71
Cindy Brown	office supplies	8012	\$177.78
Kevin Davidson	mileage	8013	\$19.60
PERA	retirement	8014	\$96.12
		TOTAL	\$4,728.29
PAYROLL SUBMITTED FOR JANUARY			\$985.09

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CONSENT

- Motion to approve-
 - January Meeting Minutes
 - Treasurer Report
 - Bills for payment
 - Payroll

Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to approve consent agenda items, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Correspondence was reviewed, no action required.

RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:

- Heidi Yokel gave a Fire Department Report. They responded to two accidents in February. The epoxied floors at the Bass Lake Fire Hall will be completed on February 24.

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OLD BUSINESS

- **Road and Bridge:**
 - Nothing new to report.
- **Buildings:**
 - Melrude Fire Hall – Supervisor Kevin Davidson suggested we combine two of the small overhead doors into one large overhead door for ease of taking trucks in and out. This will require a header and large door purchase. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion for Supervisor Davidson to contact a contractor to see if possible and what the cost would be, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
 - Bass Lake Fire Hall – Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion for Supervisor Davidson to purchase new threshold parts for the fire hall doors and fire department to purchase vinyl base board for the classroom, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.
- **Cemetery:** Electronic records were audited and updated by Chairperson Arrlette Krog and Clerk Cindy Brown.
- **Website:** Website updates have been completed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Road Vacate Request – Chairperson Arrlette Krog read the letter sent to the township from legal counsel Ken Butler. Since the town has no interest in building or maintaining the roads listed in the petition Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion for a resolution to vacate the roads, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved. Clerk Cindy Brown will generate the resolution and send a signed copy to all interested parties.
- Weed Control – Ray Privette has expressed that he no longer wants to be the Ellsburg Township weed control contact person. Wes Caple has volunteered to be the new contact person.
- March Annual Meeting Moderator Pay – Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to pay the moderator \$75.00, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.
- McDavitt Fire Department sent a letter informing Ellsburg Township that rates have been increased by 15%.

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- Lawn mowing bid request will be updated to include the triangular section of lawn at the cemetery to the contract and posted. Bids will be due April 26, 2021.
- Upcoming meeting dates of note –
 - Reorganization Meeting March 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
 - LBAE Meeting April 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm (tentative date from St Louis County)
 - Road Review April 20, 2021 at 9:00 am.
- Playground Equipment – Vice Chair Beth Caple suggested we consider adding some new playground equipment. It was decided we will add to the March Annual Meeting agenda and bring ideas to share.
- Chairperson Arrlette Krog requested we have a suggested levy for the March Annual Meeting. Clerk Cindy Brown will have board recommendation included in the packet.

As there was no further business, Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

Cindy Brown, Clerk

Arrlette Krog, Chairman

Date