

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP  
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**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING**

March 1, 2022  
(Rescheduled from February 22, 2002)

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM in the Ellsburg Town hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Chairman Arrlette Krog, Vice Chair Beth Caple, Supervisor Kevin Davidson, Treasurer Elaine Wick and Clerk Cindy Brown. Guests present were: Heidi Yokel, Dale Wick and Lee Voigt.

Clerks' minutes for January 2022 were read.

Treasurer Report for January 2022

<b>For the Period : 1/1/2022 To 1/31/2022</b>				
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$101,984.62	\$1,134.64	\$5,423.28	\$97,695.98
Road and Bridge	\$32,119.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,119.50
Fire	\$22,500.00	\$2,268.10	\$24,768.10	\$0.00
Cemetery	\$6,529.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,529.38
ARPA	\$11,110.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,110.79
General Capital Projects	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$189,244.29</b>	<b>\$3,402.74</b>	<b>\$30,191.38</b>	<b>\$162,455.65</b>

<b>BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT</b>			
<b>Invoice</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
APG Media	Annual Meeting Notice	8249	\$45.75
Arvig	Telephone and internet	8250	\$100.17
Lake Country Power	Electricity	8251	\$290.26
Miners National Bank	Safety Deposit Box	8252	\$20.00
TAG Handyman Services	Snow Plowing	8253	\$1,580.34
Cindy Brown	Mileage and purchase	8254	\$1,067.06
Beth Caple	Mileage and purchase	8255	\$65.62
Arrlette Krog	Mileage and purchase	8256	\$9.36
Elaine Wick	Mileage and postage	8257	\$11.30
PERA	Retirement	8258	\$178.98
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,368.84</b>
<b>PAYROLL SUBMITTED FOR JANUARY</b>			<b>\$1,724.30</b>

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 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:** No action required.

### **RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:**

- Lee Voigt said he had a relative that is an electrician look at the Bass Lake Fire Hall electrical and he has suggestions on what should be changed. Lee will drop off the letter with the list of items at the town hall soon as he forgot to bring to the meeting. Kevin Davidson, building supervisor, will review the notes.
- Heidi Yokel gave a Fire Department Report. They responded to 2 medical calls and welcomed one new member.
- Heidi Yokel also shared that she had talked to the county about a new fire department building.
  - Due to property lines, well, septic and impervious surface coverage the only location that we could put up a new building for the fire department is where the basketball court is located.
  - She also shared that during a conversation with Rick McRae he has offered to put up a building for the fire department near the new Lakes Gas propane tank on Hwy 53 that he would lease to the fire department. A short discussion was held about that location and it is not ideal due to distance.
  - The Melrude Fire Hall Committee will reconvene after the Annual Meeting on March 8 if the residents vote yes to the increased levy to cover some of the costs.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Road and Bridge:**
  - Road Signs – Vice Chair Beth Caple reported that roads are looking good except for some possible future issues with frozen culverts.
- **Buildings:**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Cemetery:**
  - The brushing has been completed at the cemetery.
  - Cemetery fees were reviewed and a discussion was held to determine if we increase the interment fee as we pay a considerable amount more for interment than we charge for the service. Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion that as a courtesy to residents the fees remain the same, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved. Supervisor Kevin Davidson opposed.
- **Website:** Nothing new to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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- A list of members in good standing of the Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department was presented for consideration to the township asking for a donate \$300/each to their retirement fund. Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to approve the donation, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved. Chairperson Arrlette Krog abstained due to conflict of interest.
- In addition to the list of members in good standing a 2022 EVFD financial report was presented to the supervisors for review. The supervisors asked that we call a Special Town Board Meeting when the fire department treasurer returns in April in order to better understand some of the information presented. A date will be set at the April Board Meeting.
- Due to redistricting after the 2020 Census a resolution is required from the county designating the official Ellsburg Township Polling place. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to complete the resolution form with the Melrude Town Hall as our official polling place, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
- As TAG Handyman is not able to plow past March of 2022 Chairperson Arrlette Krog asked that we retain Rick McRae to plow if needed in April. Kevin Davidson made a motion to approve the recommendation, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.
- Guest Lee Voigt noted that the snow banks are getting very high at the fire halls and it is hard to see oncoming traffic. Vice Chair Beth Caple stated she will call the county and ask that they remedy.
- South Ridge sent a letter asking for donations to their All-Night Grad Party this spring. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion that we donate \$200.00, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
- Vice Chair Beth Caple asked for approval to hire Rapid Rooter if frozen culverts pose a problem during the spring thaw. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.

As there was no further business, Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to adjourn, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

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Cindy Brown, Clerk

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Beth Caple, Chairman

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Date