**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING** January 30, 2024

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 Chairperson Beth Caple, Vice Chair John Upton, Supervisor Kevin Davidson, Clerk Cindy Brown, Deputy Treasurer Elaine Wick and Deputy Clerk Stephanie Upton. Treasurer Scott Streitz was absent.

Guests present were: Arrlette Krog, Lee Voigt, Dale Wick and Heidi Yokel.

Clerks’ minutes for December 2023 Meeting were read.

Treasurers Report for December



Claims for January 2024



**CONSENT AGENDA**

* December 2023 Meeting Minutes
* Treasurer Report and Bills for payment
* Payroll

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**  Donation request from South Ridge School for All Night Grad party. Vice Chair John Upton made a motion to donate $250.00, Chairperson Beth Caple second, motion approved.

**RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:**

* Dale Wick asked about expenditures for the new fire hall. Vice Chair John Upton gave a short update on spending and grant monies received.
* Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department President Arrlette Krog reported that the fire department is very happy with the new building.
* Heid Yokel reported that the fire department responded to two calls and had ice rescue training. Some of their EMR attended training down in Duluth. MacDavitt will reorganize, it will take 6 months of training to get licensed fire fighters. Heidi also reported they elected new officers. They are as follows:
	+ President Arrlette Krog
	+ Vice President Susan Carlsness
	+ Secretary Heidi Yokel
	+ Safety Officer Stan Johnston
	+ Training Officer Tom Slatten
	+ Chief Loren Mesedahl
	+ Assistant Chief/Bass Lake Fire Hall Tim Linder
	+ Assistant Chief Melrude Fire Hall Lee Voigt

**OLD BUSINESS**

* **Road and Bridge:**
	+ Nabergall Cartway – The township learned that the property has been sold and the new property owner and the church group came to an agreement and an easement was granted to the new owners. This means the township is out the monies spent on attorney fees. It was decided the clerk will consult with the MAT attorneys to determine if it would be worth the township contacting our township attorney to pursue the money Nabergalls owe the township.
* **Buildings:**
	+ New Building –
		- Vice Chair John Upton reported that we will have three additional items to take into consideration next spring before we close out the project and submit our final grant request.
* **Cemetery/Noxious Weed:**
	+ Nothing new to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Chairperson Beth Caple reported that she had to contact the SLC Sheriff Department as we had a person drive through the snow around the pavilion breaking a bench and a planter. The person then plugged something into one of the power outlets and eventually abandoned the truck in the parking lot. The sheriff met Beth at the town hall and documented the incident. It was discovered this was a local resident, he has been charged with a misdemeanor and there is an upcoming court date. The supervisors decided to put locks on the pavilion outlets and a key will be made available when needed for events.
* Clerk Cindy Brown requested the following:
	+ Polling hours for the March 5th Presidential Nomination Primary and the August 13 Primary Election to be 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Chairperson Beth Caple made a motion to approve, Vice Chair John Upton second, motion approved. A previous request had been approved for the March 12 Township Election hours to be from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. No change was requested for the Presidential Election on November 5, the hours will be from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.
	+ Approval to provide meals for the election judges. Supervisor Kevin Davidson made a motion to approve, Chairperson Beth Caple second, motion approved.
	+ Approval for the treasurer to cut checks for the $75.00 registration fee for officers to attend the Spring Short Courses to be held in April. Chairperson Beth Caple made a motion to approve, Vice Chair John Upton second, motion approved.
	+ Supervisors need to determine which officers can participate in the April 8 Capitol Days as it is an expense for the township. They strongly feel that it is beneficial for all officers and Vice Chair John Upton made a motion to approve paying for all officers interested in attending, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved. The clerk will register those interested and reserve the hotel rooms. MAT is providing some buses to attend the event, no one was interested, we will ride share as able.
	+ Scott Streitz is the current treasurer but is running for supervisor on March 12 as Kevin Davidson is not running for re-election. The clerk requested that Stepanie Upton is appointed as treasurer IF Scott Streitz wins the election on March 12 to ensure we are not without a treasurer from March 12 to the March 26 Board Meeting. Stephanie is interested in running for the treasurer position in 2025 which is why she was recommended. Chairperson Beth Caple made a motion to approve, Kevin Davidson second, motion approved. Vice Chair John Upton abstained from the discussion and the motion due to conflict of interest.
* A request was presented from the Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department for the township to contribute to the retirement fund of members in good standing. There are 20 members in good standing. Chairperson Beth Caple made a motion to contribute $300 per member, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
* March 18 at 6:00 pm was selected as the Special Meeting to review EVFD finances.

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

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Cindy Brown, Clerk Beth Caple, Chairman

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