

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP  
P. O. BOX 308  
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MELRUDE, MN 55766

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING**

June 29, 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, Vice Chair Beth Caple, Supervisor Kevin Davidson, Treasurer Elaine Wick and Clerk Cindy Brown. Guests present were: Heidi Yokel, Chris Voigt and Lee Voigt.

Clerks minutes for May 2021 were read.

TREASURER REPORT FOR MAY 2021						
	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery	Capital Impr
Beginning Balance May 1, 2021	106,656.20	65,609.69	23,959.83	0.00	7,086.68	10,000.00
Receipts	472.12	272.12	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00
Disbursements	5,181.47	3,475.22	1,706.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance May 31, 2021	101,946.85	62,406.59	22,253.58	0.00	7,286.68	10,000.00

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT			
Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
Arvig	Telephone and internet	8085	\$125.58
Beth Caple	Reimburse for lost payroll	8086	\$46.77
Aubreanna McKeever	Reimburse for lost payroll	8087	\$46.17
Como Oil	Propane	8088	\$263.60
Cotton Chronicle	Renewal of sponsorship	8089	\$201.60
Lake Country Power	install of flood light	8090	\$150.00
Lake Country Power	Electricity	8091	\$268.81
Mosquito Squad	Pest control - 3 treatments	8092	\$628.14
St Louis County Public Works	2nd half of 2020/2021 snowplowing	8093	\$1,706.25
Cindy Brown	Mileage and supplies	8094	\$90.17
Beth Caple	Mileage	8095	\$28.56
Kevin Davidson	Mileage and purchase	8096	\$59.20
Arrlette Krog	Mileage	8097	\$20.16
PERA	retirement	8098	\$122.88
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,777.89</b>
PAYROLL SUBMITTED FOR JUNE			\$1,314.78

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### **CONSENT**

- Motion to approve-
  - May 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 one medical call and one fire call in May, both mutual aid to Cotton and they attended several training classes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Road and Bridge:**
  - A request was made to have McRae Excavating remove the large rock on Waterhen Road, if possible, as well as take a look at the curve on Blackburn Jct. where the gravel has worn away and repair if needed. Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to approve, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
  - Vice Chair Beth Caple will send out a request for quotes to replace numerous signs within the township. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve replacement of the signs after quotes received, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
- **Buildings:**
  - Bass Lake Fire Hall – One outlet and the outside light were repaired, as well as a bad breaker replaced.
  - Melrude Town Hall – The security light in front of the hall has been installed.
  - Melrude Fire Hall – The fire department once again expressed their concerns on the size of the fire hall. A discussion was held between supervisors and guests on possibilities to remedy the space issue. It was decided it may be best to just put up one additional building to house the big truck. Next steps are Chairperson Arrlette Krog contacting the St Louis County Land department in Virginia to discuss possible building options within the boundaries of the parcel belonging to the township. Discussion to continue at July Board Meeting. The clerk will also look for the survey that was done several years ago for supervisors to review.
- **Cemetery:** Two burials are scheduled in July.
- **Website:** Clerk was asked to post Fourth of July celebration (will be held July 3<sup>rd</sup>) on the township website.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

- Supervisor Kevin Davidson shared that he is going to research if the township is able to collect a gravel tax for gravel hauled out of gravel pits in the township. He will share his findings at the next board meeting.
- The supervisors discussed the Lake Gas Conditional Use Permit Hearing on July 8<sup>th</sup> and decided there is no reason for us to respond as there are no objections to the permit.
- An informational email was received from Scott Neff with Trenti Law Firm regarding a client of his that is considering pursuing a cartway from the township as they were denied an easement to access their property from an adjoining landowner. After reviewing the email and material provided to the township, Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to not address the matter further unless we receive a proper petition from the law firm, the motion includes approval for any one of the supervisors to contact township legal counsel if we receive a proper petition prior to the July Board Meeting as that will need to be done immediately upon receiving a petition, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.
- Betty Sabbe asked that the township not return her deposit for using the town hall but accept it as a donation, this requires supervisor approval. Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to accept the donation, Supervisor Kevin Davidson second, motion approved.
- Clerk Cindy Brown informed the supervisors that the American Rescue Fund application has been submitted. We do not have to spend the funds until 2024 so there is plenty of time to decide how to best use the funds.

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 7:37 P.M.

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Cindy Brown, Clerk

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Arrlette Krog, Chairman

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Date