

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING

May 25, 2021

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, Treasurer Elaine Wick and Clerk Cindy Brown. Absent was Supervisor Kevin Davidson. Guests present were: Heidi Yokel and Lee Voigt.

Clerks minutes for April 2021 were read.

TREASURER REPORT APRIL FOR 2021						
	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery	Capital Impr
Beginning Balance April 1, 2021	112,182.86	71,136.35	23,959.83	0.00	7,086.68	10,000.00
Receipts	307.03	307.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	5,926.63	5,926.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance April 30, 2021	106,563.26	65,516.75	23,959.83	0.00	7,086.68	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
		TOTAL	\$3,777.89
PAYROLL SUBMITTED FOR MAY			\$1,351.62

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CONSENT

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

Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to approve consent agenda items, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chairperson Arrlette Krog will reach out to the county for more information on the conditional use permit correspondence the township received, we will revisit at the June board meeting.

RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:

- Heidi Yokel gave a Fire Department Report. They responded to two medical calls and 3 fire calls in April and they attended several training classes.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Road and Bridge:**
 - Township roads were all graded on May 25. Vice Chair Beth Caple talked with Rodda Excavating and he was agreeable to Vice Chair Beth Caple sending requests for grading as needed after her monthly road inspections.
- **Buildings:**
 - Melrude Fire Hall – Supervisor Kevin Davidson was not present to share additional bids he may have received. Heidi Yokel from the fire department shared that a driver caught a hose on his way out of the fire hall in April and caused damage to some of their equipment so they feel that the building is just too small and don't believe that just changing the OH doors will remedy the issue. Several options were discussed: adding one larger bay, remodel existing building or putting up a new building. It was suggested we contact IRRRB to see if there is a program that would share the cost of a new building. The supervisors will discuss and gather information to share with the community on next steps. The clerk will send the new fire hall plans that were discussed several years ago to the supervisors for review.
 - Bass Lake Fire Hall – Phils OH Door Service inspected the non-functioning OH door on May 17, there was interference with the sensors which he corrected and the door works fine now. Heidi Yokel pointed out that one outlet when used trips the breaker. Vice Chair Beth Caple will ask the electrician to take a look at it when he is out there to look at the outdoor light in a couple of weeks.
- **Cemetery:** One burial scheduled in July.
- **Website:** Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

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- Dumpster Days – This year we will hold Dumpster Days from Tuesday, July 6 to Friday, July 9. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.
- Bass Lake Fire Hall – Heidi Yokel made a request for a piece of plexiglass in the opening between the meeting room and vehicle bay which would cost approx. \$500.00. She also thought a shade may work. She will bring up at the next fire department meeting for recommendations. We will discuss at the June Board Meeting.
- Treasurer Elaine Wick requested approval to transfer \$92.94 to the General Fund to cover the payroll checks of Vice Chair Beth Caple and Deputy Treasurer Aubreanna McKeever that were not cashed in 2020 and had to be cancelled. Per the St Louis County Auditors office, supervisor approval is required. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.
- With the COVID restrictions lifting Clerk Cindy Brown asked supervisors if they want to continue with Zoom meetings and both supervisors present wish to continue offering Zoom as an option to encourage community participation. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.
- Chairperson Arrlette Krog announced that there will be a Memorial Day Service at the cemetery at 9:10 am, Monday, May 31, 2021.

As there was no further business, Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to adjourn, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Cindy Brown, Clerk

Arrlette Krog, Chairman

Date