

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP - ST. LOUIS COUNTY
P.O. Box 308, 1767 MELRUDE ROAD, MELRUDE, MN 55766
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING March 25, 2008

Meeting was called to order on March 25, 2008, at 6:00 pm. Present were Chair Kevin Cavanaugh, Supervisor Keith Fulcher, Supervisor Jeff Musburger, Treasurer Shelly Stallcop and Clerk Annette Millsop. Guests present were Lee Voigt. The clerk read the minutes from the last meeting. Keith made a motion, 2nd by Jeff to approve the minutes as read, motion carried.

We received a quote from Brandon Cavanaugh for the lawn mowing. Kevin abstained from this motion and discussion. Keith made a motion to accept the quote with the stipulation to pay \$1,000.00 now and \$2,000.00 at the end of the summer. The motion was seconded by Jeff. Discussion followed and motion carried. Payment will be made for \$1,000.00 to be paid at the next meeting the 29th of April.

Correspondence: MBA sent a bill for the insurance and Shelly has it for payment.

Kevin brought up the Board of Appeal and Equalization and it will be held on the 15th from 2-3pm. Jeff said he will not be able to be there he will be out of town. The Road Review was scheduled to be after this meeting so was changed to the 22nd of April so Jeff could attend. The time set was changed from 10:00am to 8:30am because of a conflict for Keith and Annette.

It was brought to our attention by Jeff that the meeting minutes be available for the annual meeting that were approved at least 3 days after the meeting. Keith said the minutes for this years meeting will not be approved until next year so 2007 minutes are to be in the office for people to see and take.

Keith said Annette need to get in touch with Betty Jo for the levy to see if it was taken care of and to make a list of: The levy for 2009; The letter to DOT for the stop lights in Cotton at the intersection of Hwy#53 and Comstock Road; make sure all work is done at the office (Melrude Hall); Kathy Roule is the person to ask about Ctas program at the short course training for saving all records and figures.

Old Business: Keith brought up the new town hall at the annual meeting, fire and post office. Jeff said we need to get several quotes for the building and see where we can get grants and money for the project. Keith will ask at the short course about Awair and other places for grant money. Jeff said that some people from West Bass do not want to come to this side for the new Community Center. Keith said we will take our time and get responses for the proposal first and then go from there. It will be an on going project. We will get different proposals (at least 3) for the township meeting. Jeff also wants to check with summer people and cabin people to see if they can or would want to do some training for the fire department and first responders for some added help to the fire dept.

We have to check with the fire dept to see what the insurance coverage would be for them. Jeff also brought up the bathroom problem in the hall and Kevin brought up leaving the door to the post office open for people with small children can use the bathrooms in the summer when they come to the play ground and the door because of heaving.

There was discussion about the cement sidewalks by the post office and what can be done. The levy went fine and there wasn't any problems brought up about taxes on recreational land or cabins.

Old Business: Treasures Report: Shelly said that we should be getting a check back from the IRS for an adjustment and we now owe nothing. She stopped payment on the two checks from last month. We need to go sign at the bank and should bring our drivers license and social security cards with us to Jenelle. She also paid St. Louis County for the whole year instead of monthly.

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$69,407.40
Receipts for the month:	\$486.16
Disbursements:	\$2,299.82
Total	\$67,593.74

Keith made a motion to accept the treasures report and Jeff seconded it. Kevin brought up that we have donated to Meadowlands every year and could we continue to do that.

Jeff made a motion to give Meadowlands \$200.00. Keith seconded it. They discussed it motion carried. The front door was also fixed.

Keith brought up that Arrlette asked us if we would donate to the Fiddle Contest at the annual meeting and the amount was uncertain. Keith said he knew they approved \$2,000.00 for donations and we should use them for that. Amount for the Fiddle Festival was put on hold until we have the minutes from the annual meeting. They also discussed other donations: \$100.00 to Cotton for alcohol free party for grads and \$600.00 for Cotton Chronicle.

Jim's Pub asked the board to sign his new liquor license. It was decided we would use the one he gave us from St. Louis County. The board Keith made a motion to approve it and Jeff seconded it Motion carried. If he sells the pub then a new license would have to be issued to the new owner.

New Business: Jeff asked what I need in the office. We discussed a new gun safe for the archives and other things that need to be in a safe place; also a new computer and Annette will ask about what we need for Ctas and all the records for the meetings, programs that have to be on it. Jeff will check on the price for the gun cabinet and we also discussed the safe that Brady Miller has that he may like to donate to us or sell to us. Keith will check into the computer and the prices.

Keith handed out the agenda for the short courses in Grand Rapids and Tower. Jeff and Annette will attend the Grand Rapids and Keith will attend Tower.

Keith picked up some office supplies that were needed, a shredder, phone, floppy disks.

The reorganization meeting was discussed, Keith Fulcher Supervisor 3 yr term, Jeff Musburger Supervisor, 2 yr. term, Kevin Cavanaugh Chairperson 1 yr. Shelly Stallcop Treasurer, 2 yr term Annette Millsop Clerk, 2 yr term.

The 15 of April is Board of Appeals, the 22nd is Road Review and April 29th is regular board meeting.

Kevin requested that the board purchase cigarette disposals for the town and the post office. Jeff made a motion and Keith second to have Kevin purchase the cigarette disposal buckets. Need inspection on the cemetery bridge, Kevin will check on it.

Motion was made by Kevin and second by Jeff to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Annette Millsop, Town Clerk