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**July 29, 2008**

**Ellsburg Township Board Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh; Supervisor Keith Fulcher; Supervisor Jeff Musburger; Clerk Annette Millsop; Treasure Shelly Stallcop; Deputy Clerk Debbie Leppala. Guests: Greg Millsop.

Clerk Minutes: Jeff said one thing needed to be changed and it will be in new business. Motion to accept minutes by Keith F. and seconded by Jeff M. Discussion. Motion carried.

Treasure Report: Shelly S.:

The Beginning Balance:	\$40,645.66
Receipts:	\$340.03
Disbursements:	\$2,351.66
Total Ending Balance:	\$38,634.03

Shelly S. said she switched a CD at Wells Fargo from 1yr to 17 months because of the lower amount of interest. It should increase the interest. She also said we should switch over some CD's to another bank because of the limit of \$100,000.00. The board agreed and Shelly will take care of it since one is coming due. The levy money came in but won't go into the report until next month. Jeff asked about different bills and what they are for. Tracy will be submitting another bill for Nelson Road because it needs more gravel. St.Louis County bill (\$601.02) was for sanding and \$3,000.00 for stipend for fire department. Shelly asked if they would O.K. a check for PERA because she forgot to do it. Jeff M. made a motion to accept the bills and the check for PERA and Keith F. seconded it. Discussion followed. Keith F. made a motion to accept the bills and Kevin seconded it. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Keith F. will check about old web site and how we can get the picture to change. Election training will be held in Walker on Thursday and Grand Rapids on Friday. Jeff M. will attend the other meetings and Kevin C. and Keith F. will retrain for Appeals and Equalization for the roads and bridges.

Old Business: The brushing on Young Lake Road and Cemetery Road received 4 Estimates and discussion followed. Debbie L. suggested that we would need a Certificate of Liability from anyone we get to do the brushing. Jeff M. said he found out when he talked to Jason Myers from the Land Dept. that we should not take trees over 6inches. Debbie L. said if the estimates are less than \$50,000.00 we can choose the person we want to do the Job. Jeff M. suggested we have a board member to accompany the brushing people we choose when they do the job.

Keith F. made a motion that we accept Wood Forest Products, Inc for the brushing. Jeff M. seconded it. Keith F. made a motion to send certified letters to all the property owners for a Special Meeting between them, the board and Peter Wood at the Melrude Town Hall, at 6pm on August 18th seconded by Kevin C. Discussion followed and letter contents will be who we have selected, if they have questions come to the meeting and discuss their problems. Motion made to send a letter to all property owners on roads, date, time and place to discuss the brushing. Jeff M. made motion to accept Wood Forest Product, Inc for the brushing. Keith F. Second, motion carried. Jeff M. made another motion for a special meeting to be held on August 18, 2008 at 6pm at the Mel rude Town Hall

for all property owners, Peter Wood and board to discuss the brushing on Young Lake Road and Cemetery Road seconded by Kevin C. Motion carried.

Jeff M. wrote a letter about the problems with the ATV's and suggested we post it on the web site. He also said the Game Warden was writing out tickets. The board agreed.

Web page: Keith F. told the board that Karolyn B. came and was training Annette for the minutes and agenda overall she will pick it up very easily. Maps, lakes, special events, local interests, etc. will be added as time goes on and the weather site is also a perk for us because it comes from Hwy 53. We have had 572 hits and all the rules for the cemetery, and town hall are on there now. Jeff M. wants Annette to change the residents from 174 to 181 on the home page. She will do that and put the approved minutes on the web page. The agenda (unapproved) one week before the meeting and finalize it after the meeting.

Cemetery is done and sign will be taken care of soon. Annette met with Lee Voigt at the office on Monday July 14th and he received the deeds to his plots and 3 deeds to Beverly McConkey also one for his daughter. He is glad this is all done and would like to meet with the committee and share information on the maps.

Training: Walker: Jeff M. and Keith F. Grand Rapids: Kevin C. and Annette M.

Shelly S. signed at the bank and brought in her W'9. Kevin still has to do that.

New Business: Jeff M. said we need to amend the minutes about the lowest estimate for the brushing to the most qualified. Motion made by Jeff M. and second by Kevin C. Motion carried.

The door on the post office may need an outside door in the winter.

Jan Jackson didn't get her contract so I sent her one on e-mail. She also sent us the agenda for the assessments in 2008.

Jeff M. brought in some examples of signs he liked and 2 he and Becky M. made. Motion made to have Jeff M. see if he could get them made and colors will be red background white lettering for the fire hall at West Bass Lake. White background and red lettering for the town hall, post office and melrude fire hall. Fire Department will install the sign at West Bass Hall.

Kitchen needs a new roaster and Kevin C. said we should get an industrial one so it lasts. We also need a new stove with 6 burners. Keith will get pricing for the next meeting.

Culligan: The board discussed the water softener and decided we would get rid of it. Annette will cancel the salt contract with them. Keith discussed he would also check into grants and other things for a new town hall / post office / fire hall.

The levy was discussed because of the report that needs to go to the auditor's office in September. Keith F. will call Betty Jo M. to see if he can get the minutes and annual minutes from this year to complete this report because we need the confirmed levy.

Jeff M. will bring prices for large safe for records.

Steps: Jeff M. asked about the steps on the hall and they all decided it could be shelved until next year.

On the agenda for next month: Levy, minutes from the annual meeting etc., kitchen stove and oven, new building, safe and signs.

Motion to adjourn Keith F. and second by Kevin C. at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Millsop Clerk Kevin Cavanaugh Chairman