

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh at 3:00pm on February 24, 2009.
Pledge of Allegence was said by all.
Board members present: Supervisor Keith Fulcher, Supervisor Jeff Musburger, Clerk Annette Millsop and Treasurer Shelly Stallcop.
Guests: Lee Voigt and Greg Millsop.

Clerks Minutes: Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Jeff Musburger.
Motion carried.

Treasures Report:	
Beginning Balance:	\$69,487.53
Receipts:	\$3,226.89
Disbursments:	\$11,412.78
TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	\$61,301.64.

Donations: Meadowlands(\$200.00), Cotton School (\$100.00). There may be another bill from the county for work on Blackburn Drive because of the ice.
Jeff Musburger made a motion to accept the treasurers report, seconded by Keith Fulcher; motion carried.

Jeff Musburger said we need to raise the amount on the road and bridge for the levy to \$24,412.74 in order to get the gas tax money from St. Louis County. The levy should stay the same without an increase. We paid the bill for Karolyn Boucher (\$600.00) for the set-up of the web. Jeff Musburger made a motion to pay her for the year in one payment, Keith Fulcher seconded. Motion carried.
The PLT from St. Louis County came in and deposited. Annette Millsop sent a disc to the state with the financial report.
All board members are fully trained for the Board of Equilization and Taxation on April 14th 2:00pm-3:00pm until 2012. (Kevin Cavanaugh; Keith Fulcher; Jeff Musburger).

Guests: Lee Voigt, none. Greg Millsop gave his report to the board for the finances of the fire department. Greg Millsop also explained that we have new officers and 4 new members and one reinstated member. We have been cleaning the halls and still have a long way to go. Two of our new members are in Firefighter 1 training. The utilities are high in the winter and lower in the summer. We received a grant for nine turnout gear and money was spent for that. We are also in the process of making a new tanker. Greg Millsop told the board the department does not want to raise their contract and keep it the same. Jeff Musburger made a motion to accept the contract, Keith Fulcher seconded; motion carried.

Greg Millsop and Keith Fulcher explained that Mike Levig from ATV Club e-mailed that the grant for the sled came through and he received the check for \$9,800.00. Now we need to find room at Melrude Hall. St. Louis County Rescue Squad will be able to use it and others in the area. Kevin Cavanaugh suggested maybe some of the patrols from the ATV Club could also be designated with training to be in charge of the new sled.

The web Keith Fulcher said is a mess and would be better left as it is because of the amount of money it would take to get a new one. Motion by Jeff Musburger, second by Keith Fulcher.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

New Building: Morton Builders INC gave us a price of \$677,xxx.xx. Grants are available but we may

need to use union workers and the price would increase. The board told Keith Fulcher to fill out the grant papers and an amount of \$800,000.00-\$1,000,000.00. Keith Fulcher will check with at least two more companys. P&M Construction is sending a bid. He will get with Amy Klobishar's office about grant.

Review of Speakers for the annual meeting: Jeff Musburger- Road and Bridge; Keith Fulcher-New Building and Web; Kevin Cavanaugh- Cemetery; Brady Miller- Fire Department.

Lobby Days: Jeff Musburger and Keith Fulcher both said it was informative. They spent two and a half hours with 12 representatives. The state is between 7 and 8 Billion in debt so most of the money will be coming from our citizens.

Jeff Musburger asked about Dental Insurance and everyone is satisfied with what they already have.

Jeff Musburger and Keith Fulcher will help break down the booths at the annual meeting.

Voting machine will have to be serviced this year.

The levy for 2010 will stay the same which is:

GENERAL FUND:	\$50,000.00
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$24,500.00
CEMETERY	\$2,500.00
FIRE FUND	\$38,000.00
TOTAL	\$115,000.00

NEW BUSINESS

The grading has been raised from St. Louis County to \$840.00 per/mile.

The lighting was fixed at West Bass Hall. We also need a NO PARKING sign to keep vehicles from parking in our landing zone or blocking fire rigs. Keith will talk to the fire department.

The next meeting will be on March 31st at 3:00pm. The Reorganizational meeting will be on April 14th at 1:00pm before the Board of Equilization and Taxation meeting.prizes.

Contestants will contact Ellsburg1@arrowheadtel.net and Keith will enter them.

A link has been added for our Post Office on our web site.

Jeff Musburger made a motion to adjourn, Keith Fulcher second; motion carried at 4:48pm.