

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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MELRUDE, MN. 55766

The meeting was called to order at 3:00p.m. on March 31, 2009 by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh. Pledge of allegiance was said by all.
Board members present: Supervisor Keith Fulcher: Clerk Annette Millsop: Treasurer Shelly Stallcop: Deputy Clerk Debbie Leppala.
Guests: Lee Voigt, Greg Millsop, Jim Saugestad and Mike Levig.

Clerks Minutes: Motion to accept minutes by Keith Fulcher second by Kevin Cavanaugh. Motion carried.

Residents: Jim Saugestad applied for liquor license. Motion made to grant the license. Motion carried.

Correspondence: There is an increase for snowplowing to \$875.00 per/mile for our township roads. Minutes from the monthly MAT meeting. Letter was sent to St. Louis County Public Works Department for fixing the culvert on Nelson Road and any other problems on our township roads we call about.

OLD BUSINESS: We need to call a Special Annual Meeting to change the amounts for the levy only. Motion was made to have the meeting on May 26, 2009 at 6:00pm and the regular Board meeting at 7:00pm following the special meeting. Keith Fulcher made a motion; Kevin Cavanaugh seconded it, Motion carried. Motion made to send cards to the residents for the meeting and motion carried. Annette Millsop will send them out . We do need a moderator the same as a regular Annual meeting. Stove and chairs : Jim Lippitt is fixing the chairs 3 at a time. The stove was discussed and Keith will check into others around here to see the difference in pricing. We will hold off for a month. Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion and Keith seconded it. Motion carried. Debbie Leppala was nominated by Shelly Stallcop to be the Deputy Treasurer. Debbie Leppala said she talked to MAT and it is O.K. as long as the Clerk and Treasurer are not absent at the same time. Motion was made by Kevin Cavanaugh and Seconded by Keith Fulcher to accept Debbie Leppala as the Deputy Treasurer. Motion Carried. Kevin Cavanaugh has gotten asked if a new basketball hoop is going to be put up for the kids to play with. Keith Fulcher said we already voted on it and the money is available so Kevin Cavanaugh will take care of getting one with sand put in it for weight. He also said he will have to store it for the winter and then bring it back out in the spring. The cost should be about \$500.00 for the new one.

Mike Levig came to talk to us about the new sled he received the grant for. He also talked about how having the trail here will allow people from the community and others to be taught how to ride, what the rules are, helmets are necessary at all times and safety issues. Mike Levig said they will probably start the building of the trails in the spring of 2010. He also talked to the fire chief and suggested he start looking for the one we will need. He will go to the fire meeting on the 7th to talk to them. The money they use for the Arrowhead ATV Club is from donations, fund raisers and others. They will also have insurance of \$1.5 million. They will need input from residents so they won't be on their property or taking trees they are not supposed to etc. Enforcement of laws will be the fire department, ATV Club and law enforcement. Keith Fulcher told him we could also put it on our web site when they are ready.

Treasurers Report:

BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$61,301.64
RECEIPTS:	\$4,012.85
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$5,615.43
TOTAL	\$59,699.06

Shelly Stallcop also said two of the CD's were flipped over and are only at 1.3% for 9 months. Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the treasurers report and Kevin Cavanaugh seconded it: Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: April 14, 2009 we will have the reorganizational meeting at 1:00pm. and the Appeals and Equalization Meeting at 2:00pm-3:00pm.

We will be receiving a taconite distribution half now and half in the fall.

Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion to discontinue the disability insurance from MBA, Keith Fulcher seconded and motion carried.

April 28, 2009 will be our next board meeting.

Estimates for the 2009 lawn mowing at Melrude Hall, Playground, fire hall, Cemetery and landing zone, and West Bass Hall and landing zone there. Person will need Liability Insurance for \$1 million dollars for a contract and sign a contract with the township. Debbie Leppala said the Liability insurance will need the Township on the policy. The closing date is noon on the 27th of April. All applications will be read at the board meeting on the 28th. Lee Voigt will check on insurance for himself.

Stairs: Kevin Cavanaugh has already talked to Delzato's about replacing the front steps because they are bad and the railing is unsafe. Keith Fulcher made a motion to have Kevin Cavanaugh to have them taken care of. Kevin Cavanaugh seconded it and motion carried.

Keith Fulcher made a motion to adjourn and Kevin Cavanaugh seconded it at 4:07pm.