

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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MELRUDE, MN. 55766**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Jeff Musburger at 3:00pm on April 28, 2009. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Board members present: Vice Chair Keith Fulcher; Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh; Clerk Annette Millsop; Treasurer Shelly Stallcop; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Leppala.

Guests: Lee Voigt and Vickie Ross.

Clerks Minutes: Read and Accepted.

Treasurers Report: Shelly reported:

Beginning Balance:	\$59,699.06
Receipts:	\$1,677.92
Disbursements:	\$5,727.01
Ending Balance:	\$55,649.97

Keith made a motion to accept the bills as presented, Kevin seconded; Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Vickie Ross came to discuss the ongoing problem on Blackburn with their land and driveway. The board informed her we are trying to expand the road towards the other side on the curve so the people have more room. They also told her they would get in touch with the public works department to get the snow plow driver to go beyond their driveway which is where the township road ends in grading as well as snow plowing. They will also talk to Bryan Tracy about the gravel.

We received thank you notes from Meadowlands Ambulance for their donation of \$200.00 and the Melrude Community Club for the new basketball hoop.

Old Business:

Jeff Musburger suggested we get the flag pole painted.

Annette wrote the letter to the Public Works for the grading and will send it out. If at a later time they decide to use Rodda Grading & Excavating grading township roads, Annette will write another letter to cancel our contact with the public works.

Short course: Everyone learned a lot of new things about their jobs. Debbie said the township board members may have to take courses to explain what their clerks and treasurers do and other things. Shelly also asked if it would be possible for the Clerk and Treasurer to have a vote on the board. Debbie said the open meeting law would need the Clerk to be able to poll the board if it wasn't a meeting. Keith will check into the law and see if a resolution can be made or not.

Annual Special meeting to change the levy amounts will be on May 26, 2009 at 6:00p.m. Before the regular board meeting at 7:00p.m.

Keith checked into the new stove at the hall and the industrial in the paper is a lot cheaper than the ones he checked around here. He will decide what needs to be done by the next meeting so we can have a new one before the fire department fund raiser.

Annette will get in touch with Peggy Erjavec to see if she has to write a letter to Univar for the chloride for the roads.

Estimates for Lawn Mowing: Only received one from Brandon Cavanaugh for \$3,750.00 and Jeff made a motion to accept the estimate; Keith seconded it and the motion was accepted (Kevin Cavanaugh abstained from the vote.) The motion was also accompanied by having Shelly issue a check (#4942 for \$1,750.00 to Brandon Cavanaugh) as payment now and \$2,000.00 at the end of the season.

The "Ice Out" contest sweat shirt will be given to the winner by Jeff Musburger and will try it again next year but if not too many guess in the contest it will be discontinued.

Keith has received bids from: Morton Builders, (\$699,000.00 for a turnkey building) but no feasibility study. Krech Ojard submitted a feasibility cost study of \$10,000.00 and SEC Engineering, INC, \$12,500.00 which would include the writing of the grant. The only thing different was David from SEC said we could utilize the town hall and add on to that for the community center and fire hall and quoted a price of \$500,000.00-\$700,000.00. If we don't pay for the feasibility study we will have to fix the standing hall and forget a new building. Vickie Ross suggested a questionnaire be sent out to the residents and see just how many people are interested. Also she said they should take a tour of the building to see the problems and what they feel is necessary. Keith will work up a questionnaire and it will be put on the web site and also we may need to send out to all the homestead residents. Vickie said once she saw the building she changed her mind about the fire hall/ post office.

New Business:

MATIT sent the survey report to us and the buildings are underinsured. Motion was made to increase the insurance to the quoted prices and \$1,000.00 deductable by Kevin and seconded by Keith; Motion carried.

If we are going to have Jim Lippitt doing any work for us we need to get the liability insurance from him. Jeff will contact him about jobs and insurance.

The laser printer in the office is dead and motion was made to get a new one from Best Buy by Kevin and seconded by Jeff up to \$300.00. Motion carried.

Road and Bridge meeting found the S sign on Mink road needs to be replaced. Debbie said to talk to Kent Lunda at the public works at Virginia.

Kevin will take care of the grass at the town hall and cemetery. We may need to have more than one board member go with Bryan Tracy on the township roads to explain things. Jeff will take care of clearing an area towards the beaver dam in the cemetery and then a bench will be put there for anyone who would come to the cemetery.

Keith said Aardvark Septic will charge \$85.00 a month for a porta potty for the park from May till the end of September. Kevin made a motion to get it and seconded by Keith. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be on May 26, 2009 at 7p.m. and in June it will go back to 3pm.

Motion to adjourn by Keith seconded by Kevin at 5:00p.m.