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Regular board Meeting
July 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chairman Jeff Musbuger. Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present were: Vice Chairman Keith Fulcher; Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh; Clerk Annette Millsop; Treasurer Shelly Stallcop; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Leppala.

Guests: Arrlette Krog and Lee Voigt.

Clerks Minutes: Minutes read and corrected as follows: The U.S. Government has the grant not MAT. He also said the new building is suspended not shelved a motion was not made about this. Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Kevin Cavanaugh seconded it; motion carried.

Guests: Arrlette Krog pointed out that Jack Smith and the Krog's had the same home address from Berg Lake Road. Keith explained that we would discuss the problem with Cackleberry Drive later in the meeting. Arrlette also asked about the playground jungle gym and the problem with the fiber glass tunnel. Kevin Cavanaugh said he had come over to fix it and he will be putting boards on it to stabilize it so it would be safe for the children to play on.

Arrlette Krog also said she has talked to Bowman Funeral Home and Braham Monuments because of some concerns about the way things are handled when someone is going through a difficult time and the learning curve for information about rules that need to be followed. Keith Fulcher asked if Arrlette Krog would like to be on the Cemetery Committee and she agreed. The committee will let her know when they will be meeting and she will help with the planning and the book will need to have more information to make it easier for funeral homes and relatives.

Treasurers Report: Shelly Stallcop said that she didn't make it to the bank to change the CD'S. Jeff Musburger explained about the checks they were going to be approved.

Beginning Balance:	\$52,834.81
Receipts:	\$2,532.78
Disbursements:	\$16,191.14
Total:	\$39,176.45

We had bills for: Porky's for the door; Bench for Cemetery on the credit card and Dust Coating for Chloride on township roads; first half of the fire department contract for \$19,000.00. Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the report; Kevin Cavanaugh seconded; motion carried.

Correspondence: Catalogues for Lawn equipment, Unallotment letter from Minnesota Revenue; Jan Jackson e-mails for new updates for homesteads;

Old Business: What the county wants of the board is to write a letter to make a recommendation to change from Cackleberry Drive, to Arizona Road East; but it is a private road and the county may have a problem with the gate that is at the end of Andy Moberg's property. Andy Moberg also said that there isn't an easement on the abstract so that may be a problem for the county too. The board members will talk to the MAT lawyer at training on Friday July 31st. Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion that Cacklyberry Drive (private drive) be changed to Arizona Road; Keith Fulcher seconded it; motion carried. Annette Millsop with Keith Fulcher's help will write the letter to the county. Arrlette Krog said that her number on Berg Lake Road had to be changed and people need to live here to know where the properties are and find out if they are correct in chronological order.

Cemetery: Kevin said the gound is so dusty there isn't anything but weeds. Jeff Musburger suggested

he talk to Mr. Matuzak about lawn.

Virginia Ambulance: Keith Fulcher hasn't heard when the meeting will be yet and will keep the board members informed about the problem with the funding.

Township Roads: Ralph Weeks had a problem with the Chloride and Jeff Musburger took care of it. All the board members have had compliments on the roads and keep checking them in bad conditions to make sure they are not having any problems. The Chloride was later than usual. Aardvark picked up the satellite and worked just fine.

New Business: Jeff Musburger said it would be a good idea to have a parking sign at the West Bass Hall in the new spot and No Parking sign in the LZ area because of the curve where it is dangerous for people to park. Jeff Musburger will talk to Kent Lunda about the signs and the S sign on Mink for replacement. Jeff Musburger said he would plant some clover in the LZ area.

Melrude Hall: Annette Millsop will talk to Jim Lippitt about repairs on: windows; siding; front doors; paint fire hall door; and over hang on back of the hall.

Jeff Musburger made a motion to contact Tracy Excavating Inc. to do some updating of drain tile, wall inside; Keith Fulcher seconded; motion carried.

Next meeting will be on the 25th of August at 3:00pm.

St. Louis County Board: Approved Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department to service the Unorganized Township with Colvin Fire Department as of January 1, 2010, 13 areas for \$4,536.00. Keith Fulcher will notify the fire department at the next meeting.

Fire Relief Association: Keith Fulcher asked if the board is going to give the fire relief this year.

Discussion followed. Keith Fulcher said he would like to see the board give something instead of nothing. Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion that the board match whatever the state gives for the fire department; Jeff Musburger seconded it; Keith Fulcher abstained and motion was accepted.

Kevin Cavanaugh said he would like to have receipts for the \$3,000.00 they gives to the fire dept for reimbursements for the fire personnel. The board will discuss this at the next meeting.

Clerk and Treasurer Vote: Shelly Stallcop would like someone talk to the lawyers about having a vote. The board will talk to them.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Fulcher; seconded by Kevin Cavanaugh; motion carried at 4:20pm.