

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP  
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Regular Board Meeting  
November 24, 2009

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Musburger at 3:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Board members present: Vice Chair Keith Fulcher; Supervisor Kevin Cavanaugh; Treasurer Shelly Stallcop; Clerk Annette Millsop; and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Leppala. Guests none.

Clerks Minutes: Minutes were read and changes made: Two sentences deleted are: 1)Our taxes would increase substantially if it would pass then it would raise our taxes but not nearly as much and we would still have ISD 2142, and 2) CC Riders have funds for Buildings, ATV's and others; This will be changed to: CC Riders do help in different causes. Motion was made by Keith Fulcher to accept the minutes as corrected; Kevin seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Beginning Balance:	\$69,757.23
Receipts:	\$4,674.81
Disbursements:	\$9,649.09
Total	\$64,782.95

Annette said we haven't received the credit card bill and how should she pay for it. Kevin suggested we see if we can get it on line and then we would not get charged for a late fee. Debbie pulled the bill off the internet and the check was made out. Kevin made a motion to accept the bills as presented; Keith seconded; motion carried.

Correspondence: E-mail from Chris Boener about a road #6629. Annette will get the information and e-mail him back. US Census sent maps and discussion followed about if any new roads or boundaries were made. There were not so the card was signed and sent back without anything new. Sewer systems; John Johnson e-mail about our township flag. We don't have any. Annette has e-mailed him back.; Cats for the clerks: there is a new addition that should be ready to use in January for reporting finances in 2010.; IPOWER our host for the Web Site took out their fee on the credit card.; Enron Pipeline is on part of our township by Stone Lake.

Old Business: Roads and Signs: Jeff will contact Linda in the spring for the signs. Keith said we used M&R signs for the Fire signs. Jeff said he also got a card at the conference from Newman. Bob Rodda said that he would like to talk to us about his contract for next year and he also has some ideas for them he wants to share with the board. His grader has been left here in case he needs to fix anything before the freeze. He will come in December to our meeting at 5:00pm on the 22nd.

Discussion followed and Jeff said we need to set a limit on what we will be spending for the whole season. We only have so much money and will need to divide it for all the road work. The meeting will also need a time limit for this discussion. Jeff said we will do proposal 1 and so on and estimate how much it will cost. They all said the roads look very good and he will do a good job maintaining them. The board will have to have something set in their minds before the meeting next month. Jeff also talked about Tim Linders and Guy Ross's road Blackburn and try to figure out what to do there. Kevin said it would be better for Rodda to do it his way and especially since we plan to keep him for our grading. We also need to decide if we will sign a contract for 1-2-or 3 years. Jeff suggested we have one person to take care of the roads because then they would be the one Rodda would come to when he needs advice. It was decided to have Jeff Musburger be in charge of the roads.

Cemetery: Kevin said the stone on Jon's grave is now set correctly. He said we need to have another cemetery meeting to make sure this doesn't happen again with the monument companies delivering

the stone when someone from the cemetery committee is not present. Kevin said that the funeral parlors need to tell them if they don't contact us then they can't insert the stone. Kevin also said we need to do some other things with the book and plot maps. Jeff asked Debbie if her husband would consider making new markers for the ones are rotted. She will ask but she thinks he will. The markers are net military just older people or others that couldn't afford burials.

Melrude Hall: Keith said he called Jim Lippitt but has not heard back from him. The doors are too small and renovation of the building has to have a limit on how much we spend too. Maybe an addition or new doors or torn down, but a teardown isn't an option. Kevin said it would have to be a professional that would put it in. The cost will be checked on by Jeff and Keith and work would start in the spring.

Web Page: Nothing new Keith said. Jeff asked if Keith could put the school bond issue on the Web Page. He said he would.

Jeff also asked if we could have a sign like Cotton has to tell the people about different events for this area. Jeff and Keith will check on the cost.

MAT Conference: Keith liked it and learned a lot. Some refresher and some new things. Jeff said he went to the training for Clerks, Treasurer and Supervisors. Very impressed with Irene Bright and the knowledge she has. He also said probably not in our life time this area and the septic systems will present a problem for the future generations with all the pollution in our lakes. He found this out in the round table discussions. The quality of our water is a very important issue for our people.

Jeff asked the lawyers at the round table what do they do if they can't find a clerk at the election. He asked if we could appoint someone or hire someone and you need 120 days and we missed that deadline. As quick as we can we need to put a notice in the paper and on the web site. We need to put the notice in the January paper and anyone who is interested can apply from December 29-January 12. Then you could state that we will need a new clerk. It doesn't have to be a women it can be a man. The whole board needs to get out there and see if they can find someone. It is also up to the Clerk and Treasure to find their own deputy clerk or deputy treasure.

NAT&T: Minnesota is hosting the National Convention in 2011 in Washington DC. We need to start budgeting in the money in for that.

Board of Audit and Board Budget: It was decided we would have the meetings at 1:00pm for the Audit and Budget to follow. On January 26 with the regular Board meeting to follow both at 3:00pm.

Keith will post the vote on the web to tell the residents that the polls will open at 7:00am- 8:00pm at cotton school gymnasium.

Pest Control: Discussion followed and Debbie said they just had it done for \$200.00. Keith said we will wait until spring.

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