

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP - ST. LOUIS COUNTY
P.O. Box 308, 1767 MELRUDE ROAD, MELRUDE, MN 55766

REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING February 23, 2010

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; Clerk Annette Millsop; Treasurer Shelly Stallcop; Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Debbie Leppala. Guests: Lee Voigt and Greg Millsop.

Clerks Minutes: Changed word to foyer instead of post office for where the bookcase was put. Motion to accept by Keith; second by Kevin; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Shelly said there were two checks for PERA because she wasn't here last month. Also had the board approve a voided check #5146.

Beginning Balance	\$90,825.03
Receipts	\$4,503.09
Disbursements	\$12,599.51
Total:	\$82,728.61

Motion to accept by Keith; second by Kevin; motion carried.

Correspondence: Signed contract from McDavitt Fire Department; St. Louis Co. Public Works letter for crushing; St. Louis Co. Planning and Development; LAMP; Judge Poll for election for Annual meeting; MAT News; Lake Country Power; St. Louis Co. Assessor's Office; Minnesota Department of Health; A&H Contracting; Capital World Growth and Income Fund; and Restraunt Equipppers Warehouse Stores.

Old Business: Keith said he talked to Jerry Palmquist and the price for renovating and adding a two stall addition would be approximately \$100,000.00-\$105,000.00. The bathrooms would be changed a floor drain added, heated floor in new addition, office for town clerk and post office would be in the other side, only two doors on the fire hall side and the size of the new addition would be 40X36 because it would have to be about 4' from the well. He didn't know if the underground tank would have to be moved. He also talked about fixing the cement in the Pavilion but didn't have a cost for that. Greg Millsop said he talked with Brady Miller and the Fire Department may be able to add \$30,000.00 for the cost. Discussion followed and Kevin and Jeff said they would have to have more time to think about it and bring it up at the Annual meeting. They also wondered if any funding could be found to help with the cost. It will be talked over with the residents at the annual meeting. Keith also said if they want to see the work that Jerry Palmquist does he did an addition at Wouri Township and they could check it out. They all agreed that something needs to be done but just what they don't know. A new building is a lot more money. Keith said doing nothing is not an option. They agreed. We would also need to get at least three bids for anything over \$50,000.00.

Road and Bridge: Jeff said he will write up a paper on what we have done this last year on all the projects for the annual meeting and why we hired Bob Rodda.

Web: Keith will continue to work on the site and keep improving it.

Cemetery: Kevin said there will be a meeting after the township meeting today. He checked into the monuments on line and the cheaper he went they looked worse and they didn't have any that were white crosses. Debbie and Ray Leppala will see what they can find out too for the 19 or 20 crosses.

Post Office: Ray Leppala did a fine job on the new shelving unit in the foyer of the post office and Keith will put something on the web about how much the community likes being able to come and get movies, DVD's and books to take home and enjoy. Everyone is very pleased about the new unit.

New Business: The fire contract was brought up and Greg explained the finances to the board. Greg

and Keith explained about all the radio's and how the frequencies are changing and all fire departments have to get new ones or not receive any calls. The DNR has already implemented the change in 4 different areas and this will be a costly thing for our department. They said we would have to go together with other departments to get grants because of the \$1,400.00-\$2,000.00 cost of each radio. Kevin said he applauds the department for cutting costs and saving the money they have it really makes good relationship between the township and department to know they are making wise decisions.

It was brought up that Barb Cavanaugh is no longer a Notary and the township made a motion by Keith that we pay for the fee because we need one close; Jeff seconded the motion and Kevin abstained; and the motion passed to pay \$100.00.

Lobby Days: Jeff said he would like to go and Debbie said they would find out soon if there were enough people to get a bus and would let us know.

Jeff received a disc on the boundaries of our township and Annette made a file for it in the office. He said it is very interesting and if we get the chance to look at it.

Jeff also asked if anyone knows if Randee Erjavec is still interested in the job of Clerk. So far she still is.

At the Annual meeting Jeff will discuss the Road and Bridge; Keith will tell about the Web; Kevin will discuss the cemetery; Shelly will do the finances; All members will talk about the levy and explain about our finances and what we are doing.

Jeff asked if Keith talked to any law enforcement about their response to our calls. He will soon.

Motion to adjourn by Keith; second by Kevin; motion carried at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Millsop, Clerk of Ellsburg