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Annual Township Meeting

March 12, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Clerk McKenzie Clinton in the Ellsburg Town Hall. Residents and Guests present were: Jeff Dulinski, Arrlette Krog, Beth Caple, Lee Voigt, Ray Privett, Loren Mesedahl, Loren Mesedahl Jr., Heidi Yokel, Brandon Cavanaugh, Kevin Cavanaugh, Lanie Pierce, Dale Wick and Aubreanna McKeever. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Clerk McKenzie Clinton asked for nominations for moderator, Elaine Wick nominated Arrlette Krog, Jeff Dulinski then nominated Ray Privett, a vote was held and Arrlette Krog was selected as moderator. The clerk read the Township Meeting minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. Ray Privett made a motion to accept the minutes, Heidi Yokel second, motion passed.

The yearend financial report, as prepared by Treasurer Elaine Wick, was read by Clerk McKenzie Clinton.

2018 yearend financial report:

Beginning Balance:	\$106,494.96
Receipts:	\$144,501.49
Disbursements:	\$150,089.67
Investment Interest	\$591.21
Total Ending Balance:	\$100,315.54

General Fund:

Beginning Balance:	\$52,340.66
Receipts:	\$67,983.63
Disbursements:	\$61,987.70
Investment Interest	\$591.21
Ending Balance:	\$57,745.38

Road & Bridge:

Beginning Balance:	\$42,850.83
Receipts:	\$20,181.67
Disbursements:	\$27,974.34
Total Ending Balance:	\$35,058.16

Cemetery:

Beginning Balance:	\$9,035.37
Receipts:	\$3,800.00
Disbursements:	\$5,323.34
Total Ending Balance:	\$7,512.00

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Fire:

Beginning Balance:	\$2,268.10
Receipts:	\$52,536.19
Disbursements:	\$54,804.29
Total Ending Balance:	\$0.00

Ray Privett made motion to accept treasurer's report, Beth Caple second, motion carried.

Community buildings and Playground: Supervisor Beth Caple spoke about the repairs that were done on the buildings and playground. She stated that the work on the shed and landscaping around the basketball court had been completed. She also reported that the buildings were all in good condition and repairs were being done as needed.

Cemetery: Arrlette Krog stated that the cemetery has been well maintained and that 3 headstones had been installed in 2018. She also spoke of the 2 burials that had occurred.

Road and bridge report: It was reported that the roads are in good shape and that grading and brushing were being done as needed.

Website: Arrlette Krog reported that the website is being updated with new information and that it is being well maintained.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Jeff Dulinski gave a report on the Fire Department and spoke about the various community events the Fire Department participated in including the Fourth of July Parade and picnic, the Melrude Winter Frolic, and National Night Out. He also spoke about the different types of training the Fire Department attended including water safety training, radio training, haz-mat training, GPS training, CPR training, and Landing Zone training. It was reported that there were currently 22 members of the Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department.

A discussion took place about the 2020 Levy. Beth Caple made a motion to keep the total 2020 levy at \$115,000.00, Dale Wick second, there was no further discussion, motion approved.

The 2020 Levy was set at:

General Fund:	\$45,000.00
Road Fund:	\$22,000.00
<u>Fire Fund:</u>	<u>\$48,000.00</u>
Total:	\$115,000.00

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Arrlette Krog spoke about setting a limit of \$2,000.00 for donations to various organizations, because that was the limit that was set in previous years and it has been adequate. Ray Privett made a motion to authorize the town board to contract for health, social, and recreational services from nonprofit organizations at a limit of \$2,000.00, Aubreanna McKeever second, motion carried.

The Board of Canvas met and the Township election results were read:

Supervisor-3 year term	Votes
Arrlette Krog	34
Write Ins-	

Treasurer-2 year term	Votes
Elaine Wick	32
Write In-	
Susan Borich	2

It was announced that Arrlette Krog will assume Town Supervisor position, and Elaine Wick will assume the Treasurer position.

Arrlette Krog made a motion to set the 2020 Annual Town Meeting for March 10, 2020, at 8:30P.M., Beth Caple second, motion carried.

As there was no further business, Ray Privett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Heidi Yokel second, Meeting was adjourned at 9:34P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellsburg Town Clerk

Moderator