

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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MELRUDE, MN 55766**

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING

April 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Ellsburg Town hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Chairman Arrlette Krog, Vice Chairman Beth Iallonardo, Supervisor Joe Caple, Treasurer Elaine Wick, and Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton. Clerk Barbara Cavanaugh was absent. Guests present were Lee Voigt, Heidi Yokel, Rick McRae, and Ray Privett.

Clerks minutes were read, Joe Caple made a motion to approve minutes, Beth Iallonardo second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report For March , 2017

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance March 2017	78,014.24	33,877.60	35,471.87	0.00	8,664.77
Receipts	923.77	923.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	7,247.11	6,397.11	850.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance March 2017	71,690.90	28,404.26	34,621.87	0.00	8,664.77

Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Bills submitted for payment:

Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
MAT	Spring Short Course	7118	\$150.00
Arvig	Phone and internet	7119	\$125.53
Como Oil and Propane	Propane	7120	\$99.01
US Treasury	Late Fee	7121	\$180.48
Stan Johnston	Website	7122	\$192.50
Lake Country Power	Electricity March	7123	\$211.86
Meadowlands Ambulance	Contribution	7124	\$500.00
MAT	Govt. Manual	7125	\$20.00
Norland Sanitary	Refuse collection March and April	7126	\$30.00
St. Louis County Auditor	Waste Assessment	7127	\$130.00
TAG Handyman Services	Snow removal, and Fire Hall construction	7128	\$168.73
St. Louis County Public Works	Snow Plowing	7129	\$1,531.25
Jennifer Carlson	Town Hall	7130	\$50.00
Joe Caple	Wages and Mileage	7131	\$267.56
McKenzie Clinton	Wages and Mileage	7132	\$524.49
Arrlette Krog	Wages	7133	\$151.55
Beth Iallonardo	Wages	7134	\$142.95

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Elaine Wick	Wages, Mileage, Reimbursement	7135	\$612.93
PERA	Retirement	7136	\$38.90
Total			\$5,127.74

Beth Iallonardo made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Correspondence: Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that the Federal and State required posters in the Office needed to be updated. Arrlette Krog made a motion to order new poster for the office, Beth Iallonardo second, motion approved.

After receiving an email about noxious weed control training being held, Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton inquired what training event Joe Caple would like to attend. He stated that he will attend the training in Virginia on May 2nd, from 1-2 P.M.

Road and Bridge: Joe Caple reported that the roads are in good condition, and that a light coat of sodium chloride is needed on the hills and around the corners. He also spoke about a couple of culvert that need work done on them.

Cemetery: Nothing new to report.

Buildings: Beth Iallandro stated that buildings were in good shape and that there were just a few projects that were discussed at the road review meeting that needed to be completed, such as painting the picnic table and cleaning the exterior of the town hall.

Website: Stan Johnston Updated the website to include more pages, the total cost of the upgrade was \$120.00.

New Business:

Heidi Yokel gave a report on the Fire Department stating that they went on 4 calls that month. One was for someone lost in the woods, one was for an overturned boats, and 2 were for fires. She also stated that the Fire Department had attended various training events.

Arrlette Krog inquired whether or not class 5 should be added to the helicopter landing pad at the Bass Lake Fire Hall. She stated that while doing the road review the board noticed ruts in the grass and thought that it might be helpful to have something more solid than just grass. Ray Privett stated that the field is sometimes used for training which is why there was ruts in the grass. He also stated that usually grass is the best material for helicopters to land on, and that he will discuss adding class 5 to the landing pad at the next Fire Department meeting and let the board know what the Fire Department decides.

Beth Iallonardo submitted three outdoor permits for the Melrude Whistle Stop: the first for 4th of July celebrations on June 30 and July 1, the second for her wedding on August 18 and 19, and the third for Labor day celebrations on September 1, 2, and 3. Joe Caple made a motion to approve all three permits, Arrlette Krog second, Beth Iallonardo abstained because it was a conflict of interest, motion carried.

McKenzie Clinton stated that she had received a call from a citizen asking if the township was going to have dumpster days this year. a short discussion about this followed. Beth Iallonardo made a motion to set dumpster days for May 31st through June 5th, Joe Caple second,

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motion approved. Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that she will call G-men Environmental Services and set up a delivery.

Ellsburg Township received two bids for lawn mowing. The first was from Lee Voigt for \$4,900.00, and the second was from Terry Giernett for \$5,100.00. Joe Caple made a motion to accept Lee Voigt's bid, Beth Iallandro second, motion carried.

Joe Caple, Beth Iallonardo and Arrlette Krog all stated that they will be attending the St. Louis County Association of Townships annual meeting in Cotton on May 24th.

After receiving a price list from McRae Land Improvements, Arrlette Krog made a motion to have Rick McRae do all township road and culvert work, Beth Iallonardo second, motion carried.

Arrlette Krog then made a motion to have Bob Rodda do all of the township's road grading, Beth Iallonardo second, motion carries.

Arrlette Krog made a motion to remove Brandon Cavanaugh from the signature list at Miner's National Bank and add Beth Iallonardo to the list , Joe Caple second, motion carried.

Arrlette Krog made a motion to remove Brandon Cavanaugh from the signature list at Northern State Back and add Beth Iallonardo to the list, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

Arrlette Krog made a motion to order a portable bathroom for the park from Aardvark Septic and asked that the deputy clerk call and set up a delivery for June 1st and have it picked up an September 30th.

As there was no further business, Beth Iallonardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Caple second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

McKenzie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

Arrlette Krog , Chairman

Date