

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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1767 MELRUDE ROAD
MELRUDE, MN 55766**

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING

April 30, 2019

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 Caple, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh, Treasurer Elaine Wick, Deputy Treasurer Aubreanna McKeever, and Clerk McKenzie Clinton. Guests present were Heidi Yokel and Lee Voigt. Clerks minutes were read, Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve minutes, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report For March, 2019

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance March 2019	99,250.41	60,180.14	31,558.27	0.00	7,512.00
Receipts	1,180.32	1,180.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	6,775.71	6,775.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance March 2019	93,665.02	54,584.75	31,558.27	0.00	7,512.00

Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Supervisor Arrlette Krog second motion approved.

Bills submitted for payment:

Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
MAT	Spring Work Shop	7535	\$200.00
APG Media	Notice of LBAE	7536	\$44.81
Arvig	Telephone and internet	7537	\$139.28
Como Oil and Propane	Propane	7538	\$303.71
Culligan Water	Water Softener salt	7539	\$13.50
Lake Country Power	Electricity	7540	\$247.30
Norland Sanitary	Refuse Collection	7541	\$70.20
Rapid Rooter	Thaw Frozen Culverts	7542	\$2,520.00
St. Louis County Public Works	Snowplowing	5543	\$1,706.25
St. Louis County Auditor	Waste Assessment	7544	\$350.00
TAG Handyman Services	Snow Removal	7545	\$172.99
US Treasury	Soc Sec and Medicare	7546	\$239.21
Krog, Arrlette	Mileage and Parking	7547	\$88.52
Wick, Elaine	Town government manual and mileage	7548	\$73.36
Clinton, McKenzie	Mileage	7549	\$29.00
Cavanaugh, Brandon	Mileage	7550	\$92.80
PERA	Retirement	7551	\$215.62
McKeever, Aubreanna	Mileage	7552	\$55.68
Total			\$6,562.23

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Employee Wages were also paid totaling \$1,768.66. Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Chairman Beth Caple second, motion approved.

Correspondence: Correspondence were looked at with no further discussion.

Road and Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh reported that the roads were in rough condition and that once the weather improves, work will be done to improve them.

Cemetery: Nothing New to Report

Buildings: A discussion took place about the work that is needed on the town hall front doors and the red door on the Melrude Fire Hall.. Chairman Beth Caple stated that she had spoken to Terry Giernett and received an estimate of \$470.00 to sand and repaint the town hall doors and repair the fire hall door. Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to hire Terry Giernett, Supervisor Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

Website: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Heidi Yokel gave a report on the Fire Department stating that they had two call that month. She also spoke about the training the EVFD attended including wild land rescue training, and railroad emergency training.

A discussion took place about the need to post for lawn mowing. Because the next meeting is after memorial day, a special meeting will need to be held to hire someone for lawn mowing. A discussion about this took place. Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to post for lawn mowing before May 1st and have a special meeting on May 14th at 6:00 PM to make a decision regarding lawn mowing, Supervisor Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

The minutes from the Road Review meeting were read. [Full text on file.] A discussion took place about the various projects needed within the township. Heidi Yokel spoke about a tree at the Bass Lake Fire Hall that is rotted and needs to be taken down. It was also stated that there were trees at the Cemetery that needed to be cut down. It was decided to call Mark Carlson for an estimate. Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the minutes, Chairman Beth Caple second, motion approved.

A discussion took place about the need to order a portable toilet for the town hall. Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that she had spoken to A-1 Septic out of Eveleth and that there cost is \$89.00 a month compared to Aardvark's price which is \$99.00 a month. Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to rent from A-1 Septic, Supervisor Arrlette Krog second, motion passed.

A discussion took place about the pay rate for Deputy Clerks and Treasurers. Clarification was needed about the motion that was made at the March Reorganizational meeting. Supervisor Arrlette Krog stated that the motion she made was for deputies to start at \$10.00 an hour and receive a 50 cent raise every year, and receive \$50.00 for each meeting they attend. Supervisor Arrlette Krog then made a motion to approve this pay rate for deputies so there is no confusion going forward, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion approved.

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A discussion took place about Dumpster Days. Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion to hold dumpster days June 7, 8, 9 and have one appliance dumpster and 2 regular dumpsters. Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion passed.

The upcoming St. Louis County Association of Townships Annual meeting and Dinner was discussed. Chairman Beth Caple made a motion for the township to pay for those who will be attending, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion passed.

Ellsburg Township Received a letter from St. Louis County in regards to the Joint Cooperation Agreement. The Letter informed the township about the Joint Cooperation Agreement and the different grants available through it. It does not cost the Township anything to be involved and gives the option for the township to apply for grants if they desire to. If the Township does not wish to continue to be a part of the Joint Cooperation Agreement, they must inform the County. Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion to continue to participate in the Joint Cooperation Agreement, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chairman Beth Caple second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

McKenzie Clinton, Clerk

Arrlette Krog , Chairman

Date