

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
P. O. BOX 308
1767 MELRUDE ROAD
MELRUDE, MN 55766**

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING

January 5, 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, Clerk McKenzie Clinton, Treasurer Elaine Wick and Deputy Treasurer Aubreanna McKeever. Guests present were Lee Voigt, Heidi Yokel, Dale Wick and Ray Privett. Clerks minutes were read, Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to approve minutes, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report for December, 2018

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance December 1, 2018	87,861.39	54,012.80	27,586.59	0.00	6,262.00
Receipts	42,532.58	13,310.90	3,971.68	24,000.00	1,250.00
Disbursements	26,833.45	2,833.45	0.00	24,000.00	0.00
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	103,560.52	64,490.25	31,558.27	0.00	7,512.00

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

Bills submitted for payment:

Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
US Treasury	Soc Sec and Medicare	7464	\$242.11
Arvig	Telephone and Internet	7465	\$132.73
Lake Country Power	Electricity	7466	\$255.03
EVFD	Fire Contract- Comstock Lake RD	7467	\$2,268.10
Johnston, Stan	Timecard	7468	\$92.50
SLCAT	SLCAT and MAT Dues	7469	\$511.98
St. Louis County Auditor	Property Tax Assessing	7470	\$143.50
TAG Handyman	Snow Removal	7471	\$472.96
Town and Country Electric	Fire Hall Lights	7472	\$791.44
Krog, Arrlette	Mileage	7473	\$9.28
Wick, Elaine	Mileage	7474	\$152.42
Cavanaugh, Brandon	Mileage	7475	\$40.60
Clinton, McKenzie	Mileage	7476	\$34.80
PERA	Retirement	7477	\$188.84
Total			\$5,336.29

Employee Wages were also paid totaling \$1,996.53. Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion approved.

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Correspondence: Correspondence was looked at with no further discussion.

Road and Bridge: It was reported that the roads were in good shape.

Cemetery: Nothing new to report.

Buildings: Nothing new to report.

Website: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Heidi Yokel gave a report on the Fire Department stating that they had 28 calls in 2018 and EVFD responded to all 28 calls. They provided mutual aid 12 times and received mutual aid twice. Heidi Yokel also spoke about the various community events they were involved in including the Winter Frolic, Community meals, the 4th of July Parade and Picnic, National Night Out and ECFE fire safety classes. The Fire Department also installed 155 smoke detectors through the program with the Red Cross.

A discussion took place about the need to update the Wi-Fi equipment at the town hall. Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to rent a modem from Arvig for a cost of \$7.00 a month, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion passed.

Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve the insurance packet the township received, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion approved.

A discussion took place about the gravel pit that was being used as a brush dump. It was decided that it would not be wise for the township to purchase the gravel pit. Chairman Arrlette Krog stated that she had spoken to County Commissioner Keith Nelson and he said that the best thing to do in regards to a brush dump would be to contact the county. She then read a letter that she wrote to the County addressing access to a local brush dump for the citizens of Ellsburg Township. Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to send the letter to the County, Chairman Arrlette Krog second, motion passed.

Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the retirement fund for each member of the Fire Department that was in good standing for 2018, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion passed. As there were 19 members in good standings, a total of \$3,800.00 was donated.

The Township received two letters asking for donation to their all-night Grad Parties, one from Cherry High School, and one from South Ridge High school. Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to donate \$200.00 to Cherry High School, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion passed. Chairman Arrlette Krog then made a motion to donate \$200.00 to South Ridge High School, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion approved.

As there was no other business, Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Chairman Arrlette Krog second; Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

McKenzie Clinton, Clerk

Arrlette Krog, Chairman

Date