

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING**June 28 , 2016**

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 Supervisor Arrlette Krog, Supervisor Joe Caple, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh, Clerk Barbara Cavanaugh, Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton, and Treasurer Elaine Wick.

Guests present were Darrell Miller, Mark Lockhart, Dale Wick, Lee Voigt, and Tracy Goldberg. Clerks minutes were read, Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve minutes, Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report For May, 2016

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance May 1, 2016	75,693.63	30,715.96	37,396.23	0.00	7,581.44
Receipts	772.07	272.07	0.00	0.00	500.00
Disbursements	19,096.54	10,696.54	7,300.00	0.00	1,100.00
Ending Balance May 31 , 2016	57,369.16	20,291.49	30,096.23	0.00	6,981.44

Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to accept treasurers report, Joe Caple second, motion carries.

Bills submitted for payment:

Vendor	Description	Claim #	Amount
Eklund Concrete	Final Payment	6888	\$11,700.00
Anytime Construction	Delivery of Shed	6889	\$300.00
Aardvark	Satellite toilet	6890	\$95.00
Arvig	Telephone and internet	6891	\$131.97
Eric Carlson	Shed	6892	\$2,500.00
Culligan water	Water Softener	6893	\$33.45
Gmen	Dumpsters	6894	\$1,186.53
MAT	Summer Short Course	6895	\$300.00
Norland Sanitary	Garbage Pick-up	6896	\$17.55
Twin Ports Pest Management	Mosquitoes Management	6897	\$299.00
Lake County Power	Electricity	6898	\$111.05
McRae Land Improvement	Road Work	6899	\$2,760.00
MATIT Insurance	Workers comp	6900	\$2,489.00
Stan Johnston	Website	6901	\$72.50
Joe Caple	Mileage and reimbursement	6902	\$212.10
Joe Caple	Wages	6903	\$566.37
Barb Cavanaugh	Wages	6904	\$301.07
Brandon Cavanaugh	Mileage	6905	\$57.50
Brandon Cavanaugh	Wages	6906	\$149.60

McKenzie Clinton	Wages	6907	\$230.00
Elaine Wick	Mileage	6908	\$82.80
Elaine Wick	Wages	6909	\$265.95
Arrlette Krog	Mileage	6910	\$9.20
Arrlette Krog	Wages	6911	\$100.51
Jennifer Carlson	Town Hall Cleaning	6912	\$50.00
PERA	Board retirement	6913	\$58.96
TOTALS			\$24,080.11

Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

Correspondence: Arrlette Krog read a thank you letter from the South Ridge Youth Soccer Program for a donation that they had received from the township.

Road and Bridge: Brandon Cavanaugh spoke about the grading being done, and that because of rain delays, it is taking longer to complete all of the road work. A short discussion followed about the amount of sodium chloride needed for the roads, and it was decided to cut down on the amount used on the roads compared to previous years.

Web Site: Nothing new to report.

Cemetery: Arrlette Krog spoke about the lawn care that was done on the cemetery and stated that it should be done again before the fourth of July. She also stated that she will continue to look into records, and books from the cemetery to find out more information and to help update the records. Arrlette Krog then spoke about landscaping and tree removal that may need to be done in the future to expand the cemetery.

Buildings: Joe Caple reported that the wall in the Melrude Fire Hall is up, put it still needs to be taped and painted. He then stated that the ditch in front of the Town hall doesn't require a culvert, and just needs to be filled in, for a cost of \$1,200. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to fill in the ditch, Arrlette Krog second, motion carries. Joe Caple then spoke about the need for a new flag pole because the current one is broken, and is in the way for snowplowing. A short discussion followed about what size, and type would be best. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to purchase a 35 foot pole with a 5ftx8ft flag at a cost of \$1,375.00, and an installation fee between \$250.00 and \$300.00, Joe Caple second, motion carried

New Business: Darrell Miller spoke about the benefits of Ellsburg Township taking over Blackburn Drive. He spoke about the Township's ability to create their own specifications for the road, and because of this, the road wouldn't have to be plowed, therefore eliminating the issue of the road not being wide enough for a snowplow. Darrell Miller then stated that he is willing to put money into the road to get it up to standards and requested that the township set up some type of system so all of the residents living on Blackburn Drive would pay their equal share. Arrlette Krog stated that she doesn't feel it is the townships place to demand money from the residents on Blackburn drive, and is curious as to why the township should have to be the ones to collect the money. Darrell Miller stated that it might be more effective for someone with authority, like the township, to request the funds from the residents. A discussion followed about the logistics of this. Arrlette stated that she will continue to look into the

information presented and try to find out more about the issue at the training event she will be attending.

Tracy Goldberg spoke about the weird plants that are growing in the lake in front of her cabin. She believes they are invasive species and wants the DNR to be notified so they can deal with the situation. She also spoke about the need for a faucet with running water at the public lake access so boaters can clean their boats, and help stop the spread of invasive species.

Arrlette Krog spoke about an IRRB Grant that is available for a resident that had a fire at their home. A discussion followed and it was determined that the owner would have to have proof of ability to pay back any extra funds needed to complete the project in order to receive the grant. Arrlette Krog stated that through the IRRB Grant process the Township would not acquire any debt and all additional money needed would come from the owner, she also stated that she is willing to spearhead the process. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to go through with the grant application, if the owner, Tony Frommes, would still like to, Arrlette Krog second, motion carried.

A discussion about a township credit card took place, the board discussed what option would be best. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion for Clerk, Barbara Cavanaugh, and Treasurer Elaine Wick to apply for the credit card that will best fit the Township's needs, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

A discussion about the snowplow agreement took place. Brandon Cavanaugh stated that he will look over the agreement that St. Louis County had sent over, to determine if that is the best option for the Township. Arrlette Krog made a motion to investigate and table the issue until the next meeting, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried.

Arrlette Krog made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Caple second.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30P.M.

Barbara Cavanaugh, Clerk

Brandon Cavanaugh, Chairman

Date