

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, Treasurer Becky Musburger, and Deputy Treasurer Elaine Wick.

Guests present were Darrell Miller, Lee Voigt, Heidi Yokel, and Ray Privett. Clerks minutes were read with the correction of labeling the Melrude Fire Hall as the Ellsburg Fire Hall, and labeling the Bass Lake Fire Hall as the West Bass Fire Hall, as well as needing to add the new Deputy Clerks name. Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve minutes, Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report For March, 2016

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance March 1, 2016	145,139.07	98,579.73	38,071.23	0.00	8,488.11
Receipts	2,270.75	2,270.75	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	38,400.21	37,725.21	675.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance March 29, 2016	109,009.61	63,125.27	37,396.23	0.00	8,488.11

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

Treasurer Submitted bills for payment:

Vendor	Description	Claim #	Amount
Marshall Handyman Services	1st Payment for Melrude Fire Hall Renovations	6796	\$10,000.00
Marshall Handyman Services	2nd Payment for Melrude Fire Hall Renovations	6797	\$10,000.00
Arvig	Telephone and Internet Services	6798	\$132.64
Culligan Water	Water Softener	6799	\$30.50
St. Louis County Auditor	Waste Assessment	6800	\$245.00
Lake Country Power	Electricity	6801	\$267.28
Mesabi Daily News	Filing Notice	6802	\$74.60
Norland Sanitary	Garbage Pick up	6803	\$17.55
Rapid Rooter	Thaw Frozen Culvert	6804	\$675.00
W A Fischer	Postcards and Ballots	6805	\$103.08
Terry Giernett	Salt for walkways	6806	\$8.39
Terry Giernett	Snow removal	6807	\$180.00
Stan Johnston	Web Development	6808	\$115.00
Gerri Caple	Election Judge	6809	\$60.00
Juanita Markgraf	Election Judge	6810	\$120.00

Elaine Wick	Election Judge	6811	\$60.00
Becky Musburger	Election Judge	6812	\$131.50
Miners National Bank	Safe Deposit Rent	6813	\$20.00
Brandon Cavanaugh	Wages	6814	\$313.22
Brandon Cavanaugh	Purchases and Mileage	6815	\$92.69
Becky Musburger	Election Judge	6816	\$96.50
Becky Musburger	Wages	6817	\$486.20
Becky Musburger	Mileage and Purchases	6818	\$184.39
Joe Caple	Wages	6819	\$1,668.97
Joe Caple	Mileage	6820	\$44.85
Barb Cavanaugh	Wages	6821	\$701.25
Barb Cavanaugh	Mileage	6822	\$34.50
Arrlette Krog	Wages	6823	\$177.65
Arrlette Krog	Mileage	6824	\$9.20
Jennifer Carlson	Town Hall Cleaning	6825	\$50.00
McKenzie Clinton	Wages	6826	\$570.00
McKenzie Clinton	Mileage	6827	\$28.75
Elaine wick	Wages	6828	\$210.00
PERA	Board Retirement	6829	\$358.00
SLCAT	Bus Fare	6830	\$80.00
Totals			\$27,346.71

Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Correspondence: Arrlette Krog read a Thank You card that was sent from Brent Johnson, Football Coach at South Ridge School, for a donation that Ellsburg Township had made.

Road and Bridge: Brandon Cavanaugh reported that two culverts had to be steamed, one on Young Lake Road and one on Nelson Road, because they had froze.

Web Site: Elaine Wick stated that her phone number was incorrect on the website and needed to be updated to current phone number.

Cemetery: Nothing new to report.

Buildings: Joe Caple stated that the renovations on the Melrude Fire Hall would take another two weeks to complete because supplies needed to be ordered, but the Fire Hall was still usable in the mean time. Joe Caple made a motion to submit a third payment of \$10,000 to Marshall Handyman Services, the company that is doing the renovations. Brandon Second, motion carried. Joe Caple also stated that the final payment would be submitted once the renovations were complete and all the work had been inspected.

Old Business: Joe Caple stated that the garage door openers from the Bass Lake Fire Hall needed to be thrown away because we are unable to donate or sell them.

New Business: Darrel Miller discussed the issue with the amount of gas tax the township is receiving because the township may be claiming to much mileage. Darrel Miller then spoke about the many different benefits to the citizens living on Blackburn Drive if the township takes over maintenance of Blackburn Drive. A discussion followed about the logistics of the township taking over the road, including the issue of the road being a cart way, and the financial aspects of it. Arrlette then spoke about the need for the citizens of Blackburn Drive to make a formal proposition to the township, and that there are many different things that need to be taken into consideration. Brandon Cavanaugh added that the board would keep an open mind about it, and discuss it more thoroughly in the future.

The board then discussed the upcoming Short Course, and the need to have a check ready for registration, Arrlette Krog made a motion to cut a check for the people who will be attending, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. The board then discussed the need to spray for mosquitoes near the Town Hall, especially with the newly added lights in the pavilion, and the increased use of it this coming summer, Brandon made a motion to have the grounds and buildings sprayed, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

The board set the Road, Building, and Grounds Review meeting for April 20, 2016 at 10:00A.M. Arrlette Krog made a motion to renew the Melrude Pub's liquor license, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. The board also discussed the disposal of old computer equipment that had been stored in the Melrude Fire Hall, Joe Caple said that he would bring it to the recycling center. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to set the dates for Dumpster Days as May 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, Joe Caple second, motion carried. One dumpster will be located at the Melrude Town Hall and one dumpster would be located at the Bass Lake Fire Hall.

After receiving a letter from the meadowlands ambulance asking for donations, Arrlette Krog made a motion to donate \$500.00, Joe Caple second, motion carried. The board also received letters asking for donations from the South Ridge School's youth soccer program, the South Ridge School's PTSO, the South Ridge School's National Honor Society, as well as the Cherry School's All night grad party. Joe Caple made a motion to donate \$100 to the South Ridges School's youth soccer program, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. Joe Caple also made a motion to donate \$100 to the South Ridge School's PTSO, Arrlette Krog second, motion carries. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Cherry School for the all-night Grad Party, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

Arrlette Krog spoke about the need to post a memo for Lawn mowing bids, and that any quotes need to be turned in by April 25, 2016. The board then discussed selecting new supervisor positions, Arrlette Krog stated that keeping with tradition, the board Chair should rotate to Brandon Cavanaugh, and the Vice Chair to Joe Caple. Arrlette made motion to accept the new positions, Joe Caple Second, motion carried. The board then adopted a schedule for the 2016 board meetings. Arrlette Krog made a motion to designate the Cotton Chronicle and Mesabi Daily News as Ellsburg Township's official newspapers, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. The board discussed the compensation rate for town officers and employees, Arrlette Krog made a motion that the rates remain the same, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

The board then designated supervisors to fill duties/positions created by the town board, Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept resolution #2016-8, that Brandon Cavanaugh would fulfill the duties of Road and Bridge maintenance, Joe Caple second, motion carried. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to accepts resolution #2016-9 that Arrlette Krog would fulfill the position of cemetery and website maintenance, Joe Caple Second, motion carried. Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept resolution #2016-10 that Joe Caple would fulfill the duties of Building and playground maintenance, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. Arrlette Krog made a motion to designate the official posting places for Ellsburg township as the Melrude Town Hall, Bass Lake Fire Hall, and the Cotton Town Hall, Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to accept resolution #2016-12 to designate Miner's National Bank as the town depository for the safe deposit box, and resolution #2016-11 the Northern State Bank as the town depository for CD's, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

Arrlette Krog then spoke of the need for an updated Manual on Town Government, Barbara Cavanaugh stated that she would purchase one at the upcoming Short Course that she is attending. Treasurer Becky Musburger, read her letter of resignation, and stated that Elaine Wick, the Deputy Treasurer, would temporarily fulfill

the duties of Treasurer until a new treasurer is appointed. The list of officers was updated to include the new Chairman of the board Brandon Cavanaugh, Vice Chairman of the board Joe Caple, Supervisor Arrlette Krog, and the new Deputy Clerk, McKenzie Clinton.

Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joe Caple second.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25P.M.

Barbara Cavanaugh, Clerk

Chair

Date