

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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MELRUDE, MN 55766**

ELLSBURG REORGANIZATIONAL AND TOWNSHIP MEETING March 26, 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, Ray Privett, and Kevin Cavanaugh, and Lanie Pierce. Clerks minutes were read, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh made a motion to approve minutes, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report For February , 2019

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance February 2019	99,575.10	60,504.83	31,558.27	0.00	7,512.00
Receipts	7,187.55	7,187.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	7,512.24	7,512.24	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance February 2019	99,250.41	60,180.14	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
Overhead Door	Bass Lake Fire Hall	7508	\$1,020.00
APG Media	Notice of general Election	7509	\$97.36
Arvig	Telephone and Internet	7510	\$145.62
Lake Country power	Electricity	7511	\$234.36
Meadowland Ambulance	Donation	7512	\$500.00
MN Benefit Association	Life Insurance	7513	\$1,605.00
TAG Handyman	Snow Removal	7514	\$406.99
W A Fisher	Ballots and Postcards	7515	\$102.01
Nancy Carey	Election Judge Mileage	7516	\$11.60
McKeever, Aubreanna	Election Judge Mileage	7517	\$39.44
Krog, Arrlette	March Mileage	7518	\$9.28
Wick, Elaine	Office Supplies	7519	\$110.98
Clinton, McKenzie	Mileage and Purchases	7520	\$38.51
Caple, Beth	Mileage	7521	\$39.44
Cavanaugh, Brandon	Mileage	7522	\$81.20
PERA	Retirement	7523	\$155.06
PERA	Retirement	7534	\$14.96
Total			\$4,611.81

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

Correspondence: The upcoming St. Louis County Association of Township's Annual Dinner was discussed. It was asked that any board members that will be attending please let Clerk McKenzie Clinton know.

Road and Bridge: Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh stated that a few of the culverts were frozen and that Rapid Rooters was going to be coming and steaming them to prevent road wash-out.

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 two call that month and that the turn-out gear washer had been installed. She also spoke about haz-mat training and landing zone training that the Fire Department attended.

The board then discussed selecting new supervisor positions, Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion for Supervisor Beth Caple to be Chairman of the board, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. Supervisor Beth Caple then made a motion for Arrlette Krog to be Vice Chair, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried.

The board then adopted a schedule for the 2019 board meetings, meeting will be the last Tuesday of every month unless the board passes a motion to reschedule the meeting.

Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to designate the Cotton Chronicle and Mesabi Daily News as Ellsburg Township's official newspapers, Chairman Arrlette Krog second, motion carried.

The board discussed the compensation rate for town officers and employees, Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion that the rates remain the same and that Deputy clerks and treasurers be paid \$50.00 for each meeting they attend, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion carried. [Full Text on File]

The board then designated supervisors to fill duties/positions created by the town board, Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept resolution #2019-4, that Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh would fulfill the duties of Road and Bridge maintenance, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion carried. [Full text on file.]

Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to accept resolution #2019-5 that Arrlette Krog would fulfill the duties of cemetery and website maintenance, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. [Full text on file.]

Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept resolution #2019-10 that Beth Caple would fulfill the duties of Building and playground maintenance, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried.

Supervisor Beth Caple 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, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried.

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Supervisor Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept resolution #2019-3 to designate Miner's National Bank as the town depository for the safe deposit box, and resolution #2019-2 to designate the Northern State Bank as the town depository for CD's, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, motion carried. [Full text on file.]

The list of officers was updated to include correct information on all Board members

The Board reviewed the resolution book with no further discussion.

The Road Review meeting was set for April 24, 2019 at 10:00A.M.

A discussion took place about the upcoming spring short course. Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion that a check be written to cover the cost of the training for those who wish to attend, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion passed.

Treasurer Elaine Wick stated that she would be appointing Aubreanna McKeever as her Deputy Treasurer.

Beth Caple submitted a request for a permit for the Melrude Whistle Stop for two outdoor events she will be having. The first is for a Fourth of July celebration for July 4th-7th and the second is for a labor day event for August 30th- September 2nd. Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve the permits, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, Supervisor Beth Caple abstained because it was a conflict of interest, motion passed.

A discussion took place about the work needed on the Town Hall front doors. Supervisor Beth Caple stated that she will get estimates for replacing the doors as well as repainting them.

A discussion took place about the pay for the moderator at the annual meeting. Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to pay the moderator \$75.00, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, Chairman Arrlette Krog abstained because it was a conflict of interest, motion passed.

Chairman Arrlette Krog spoke about the information that she found out in regards to a broadband resolution that the board was asked to pass and support. The board needed more clarification about a section of the resolution that stated that the township would monetarily support broadband expansion. Chairman Arrlette Krog stated that this would mean that the township would be obligated to help fund local broadband installation if any projects were started. The Board felt that because the township already has access to high speed internet, it would not benefit the community to agree to fund any future broadband projects. The resolution was not acted upon.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

McKenzie Clinton, Clerk

Arrlette Krog , Chairman

Date