

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

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING**

**September 26, 2017**

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

**Treasurer's Report For August, 2017**

	<b>Totals</b>	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance August 1, 2017	<b>100,474.42</b>	45,514.71	46,177.68	0.00	8,782.03
Receipts	<b>8,737.11</b>	8,737.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	<b>6,851.45</b>	2,991.35	3,860.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance August 31, 2017	<b>102,360.08</b>	51,260.47	42,317.58	0.00	8,782.03

Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Supervisor Beth Caple second, motion approved.

**Bills submitted for payment:**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Check #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Aardvark	Portable Toilet Service	7195	\$95.00
Arvig	Telephone and Internet	7196	\$131.91
Lake Country Power	Electricity	7197	\$96.52
McRae Land Improvements	Work Order 1064	7198	\$3,660.00
St. Louis Auditor	1st half Snowplowing contract	7199	\$1,531.25
Caple, Elizabeth	Wages, Gas for power washer	7200	\$72.75
Carlson, Jennifer	Town Hall Cleaning	7201	\$50.00
Cavanaugh, Brandon	Wages and Mileage	7202	\$177.44
Clinton, McKenzie	Wages and Mileage	7203	\$411.30
Krog, Arrlette	Wages and Mileage	7204	\$85.80
Wick, Elaine	Wages, office supplies	7205	\$271.34
PERA	Retirement	7206	\$40.48
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$6,623.79</b>

Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Chairman Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

**Correspondence:** The township received money from MN DNR PLT, taconite aid, and taconite production.

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**Road and Bridge:** Chairman Arrlette Krog reported that she inspected Nelson Road after a culvert and gravel were added, and stated that this should solve the issue of water on the road. Supervisor Beth Caple reported that she had received calls from constituents about the condition of Mink Road. She reported that it hadn't been graded, and that she had spoken to Rodda about it two weeks ago but the road still hadn't been graded. Chairman Arrlette Krog suggesting letting Road Supervisor Brandon Cavanaugh call and speak to Rodda about it.

**Cemetery:** Nothing new to report.

**Buildings:** Supervisor Beth Caple reported that she had almost finished power washing the town hall but had ran out of gas. Ray Privett mentioned that he had noticed that the rain gutter and spout on the front, right corner of the Town Hall were both flat. Supervisor Beth Caple said that she will check on it.

**Website:** Nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

Heidi Yokel gave a report on the fire department stating that they have had three new members sign up since August. She also reported that they are losing two members because they are moving out of the township. On September 30th the fire department is meeting with residents on Comstock Road to talk about fire coverage for them. Ray Privett reported that they had 2 mutual aide calls that month, one was for an automatic alarm that was cancelled before they arrived, and the second was for a fire on Rose Lake. He also stated the fire department had purchased a side-by-side. Ray Privett spoke about training events that the fire department attended including, water training, CPR training, and training with epi pens. Heidi Yokel also reported that through the program with the red cross, the fire department had installed 116 smoke detectors.

A discussion about the need to post for snow removal took place. Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that she will post the notice and state that anyone interested should contact her by October 23rd so that the information is available for the next meeting.

The township received a letter from St. Louis County regarding a road that they will be using for Timber sales. Chairman Arrlette Krog said that she is unsure why the County is contacted the Township because the road that they will be using is not a township road. A discussion about this followed. Supervisor Beth Caple stated that she will call and request more information.

A discussion took place about moving the October meeting from the 31st to 24th. Supervisor Beth Caple made a motion to move the meeting, Chairman Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

As there was no further business, Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Beth Caple second, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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McKenzie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Arrlette Krog , Chairman

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Date