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September 30, 2008: Approved on October 28, 2008

Ellsburg Township Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on September 30, 2008 at 6pm by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh. Board members present were: Supervisor Keith Fulcher, Supervisor Jeff Musburger, Clerk Annette Millsop, Treasurer Shelly Stallcop and Deputy Clerk Debbie Leppala. Guests: Greg Millsop, J. Hiivala from Culligan and Stan Peterson.

Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh asked Mr. Hiivala to speak about the water softener. He quoted two different prices for both Halls. Discussion followed about how the use of a water softener helps preserve the fixtures in the kitchen and bathrooms and they last longer. He tested our water and it was 14gpg and iron at 2ppm.

Kevin Cavanaugh made a motion to buy the water softener and Keith Fulcher seconded it. Discussion followed. Jeff Musburger suggested we buy only one for now because of other expenses we have. Kevin amended the motion to buy one softener until next year and Keith seconded it. All in favor, Motion carried. Mr. Hiivala will install it on Monday October 6, 2008 at around 9am in the Melrude Hall.

Clerks Minutes: Motion made to accept the minutes by Kevin Cavanaugh and seconded by Jeff Musburger. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasure Report: Shelly Stallcop said she rolled over two CD's to another three months as they were only getting 1.9% and wanted to wait to see if it comes up. She has another one that will be coming due and she will cash it out and put it into the checking account and reinvest it at Wells Fargo Bank later.

Beginning Balance:	\$69,422.73
Receipts:	\$227.38
Disbursements:	\$6,503.83
Total:	\$63,146.28

Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the bills presented and Jeff Musburger seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence: District 10 meeting will be at Greenwood on the 8th of October at 7pm and Keith Fulcher will attend and maybe Jeff Musburger. Annual Awards dinner for SLCATO will be held at Fortune Bay at 7pm no one from the board will attend.

Old Business: Annette Millsop met with Lee Voigt at the office and he said he owned Lot 9 and someone else is buried there. Then he said it was his sisters (Beverly McConkey) but we never had any records saying she owned the Lot. Stan Peterson said he has a record of the meeting between Lee Voigt, Jon Krog and Stan Peterson on April 12, 2006 stating that Mr. Voigt never paid for that Lot and it reverted back to the cemetery for sale. He will have to come to the board with any more concerns and show paper work of ownership of the lot in question.

The signs for the cemetery have been installed, and the rest of the signs will be installed at a later date. Annette M. received no inquiries for the snow shoveling. Mason Cavanaugh will be hired on an hourly rate of \$10.00 for the shoveling as an employee. He will get a time sheet and be paid monthly.

Electric Roaster for the hall Keith Fulcher forgot and will look into it for next month.

Safe: Jeff Musburger bought it and it is in the Fire Hall.

The matter of a new Town Hall/P.O./Fire Hall was brought up and Keith Fulcher had information from a steel building company. Kevin Cavanaugh brought up an idea of adding onto the existing building and refurbishing it for office/kitchen/ fire hall/post office/community meeting room. Finances and grants should be looked into and ideas brought up to the residents at the annual meeting. Keith Fulcher will check into it. Kevin Cavanaugh asked if there were grants for refer bushing bathrooms and it will be checked by Keith Fulcher.

Web Page: Keith Fulcher said we will be getting a new page for recreation soon. Karolyn Boucher will be coming to train Keith F., Becky Musburger and Annette M. on the 9th of October for all areas in the pages.

Post Office: The ceiling in the front needs the new grid work.

Roads: Brushing on Young and Cemetery roads is finished and we will get the bill from Wood Forest Products, Inc. Jeff Musburger liked the job they did.

Annette M. said the Melrude road has been bad all summer and the grading job has not taken away the bumps just added to it. Keith will talk to Jeff Dulinski and see if he can fix the problem. Tracy will need to bring more dirt to Mink road and also the grader will need to finish Ron Saukko's road.

New Business: The sign holders on the Town Hall doors need to be replaced or just left off. Keith Fulcher will find out if he can get them. Annette M. said the door also needs to be scraped and painted.

The Unorganized Township by Colvin has contacted the Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department for servicing them. They have already started taking steps and called Keith Fulcher for input and will keep him and the board informed about it.

Judges: Motion to accept the list of judges for the General election: Barbara Cavanaugh, Patsy Erickson, Phyllis Hauck, Jane Johnston, Greg Millsop, Becky Musburger, Virginia Peterson and Stanley Peterson was made by Jeff Musburger and seconded by Keith Fulcher. All in favor, motion carried.

Keith Fulcher aye, Jeff Musburger aye to approve Kevin Cavanaugh as an election judge, Kevin Cavanaugh abstained, motion carried.

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Hava Automark training will be on October 28th at 5pm. It will be posted in Mesabi News. All the election judges should be present. General Election will have the same time of 10am-8pm. Annette M. will have lists made for easier counting at the end of the night.

It was suggested the election judges should be 3 and the clerk in the morning and 4 in the afternoon and the clerk for the general because of the amount of people that may come. Annette may need more people to count and will have some lined up.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01pm. by Jeff Musburger and seconded by Keith Fulcher. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Annette Millsop

Clerk Chairman