

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP  
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Ellsburg Township Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on October 28, 2008 at 6pm by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh. Board members present: Supervisor Keith Fulcher, Supervisor Jeff Musburger, Clerk Annette Millsop, Treasure Shelly Stallcop and Deputy Clerk Debbie Leppala.

Guests: Greg Millsop, Michael Kuriatnyk, Ralph Weeks, Stanley Peterson, Vickie Ross and Guy Ross.

Clerks Minutes: Annette read the minutes, Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept and Jeff Musburger seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Report: Shelly Stallcop cashed in the CD at Miners Bank for \$12,993.57 and put it into the checking account and said she has looked at other banks about the interest. She explained to the board that the interest at Pioneer Bank had the best offer. Jeff Musburger made a motion and Keith Fulcher seconded it to get a nine month CD for \$12,993.57 at Pioneer Bank at 3.34% interest, all in favor, Motion carried. Shelly will go to Pioneer Bank and get the CD for the township.

Beginning Balance:	\$63,146.28
Receipts:	\$238.87
Disbursements:	\$4,120.36
Total:	\$59,264.79

Debbie Leppala has 2 new Cash Control sheets because of an error from last month's report. Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department Relief Association received payment from the State of MN. Jeff Musburger explained some of the bills to the guests. Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Jeff Musburger seconded it, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Jeff Musburger and Annette Millsop attended the SLCATO meeting at Cotton Community Center. Jeff Musburger explained about a new tax bill that was discussed at the meeting. We also received a thank you from Culligan for our order. There was also a discussion on the amendment that will be on the ballot. SLCATO annual meeting will be in Alexandria November 20-22 and Jeff Musburger, Keith Fulcher and Annette Millsop will attend.

Old Business: Jeff Musburger called a lot of the residents for the express purpose of the discussion for a new facility for our Hall/Fire Dept/Post Office. The idea of a new building; refurbishing the old and adding on to it or doing nothing was the topic of discussion. Keith Fulcher said he had some information on grants, but could not go any further until he had more specific details about our plans. We need to have input from the residents. The doors are too small for the new sized trucks, there is water damage in the fire hall to the sheet rock and the floor has no drain. The post office ceiling fell down in one spot and does not look safe in other places. It was found that the light fixtures are not hooked into the rafters and is unsafe. The floors in the men's bathroom and the fire hall are deteriorating. Jeff Musburger said the town office is too small for the clerk and treasure to be able to work in there together. The clerk, treasure and deputy clerk cannot work together on needed projects unless they use the hall.

Many suggestions were made by the citizens. For now the sheet rock could be replaced with concrete tiles, replacing two of the doors with one large one and adding a drying facility for our hoses after fires. Would we move the main office to West Bass? Would it be better centered there?

Ralph Weeks asked if we were talking about \$350,000.00 for the new structure. How much do we have in CD's approximately; how much do we spend on the fire department, road and bridge and are we supposed to have one and a half times our levy saved in case of emergency purposes? Keith Fulcher said we spend \$38,000.00 for the fire department, \$3,000.00 for stipend for gas to them. We

also spend \$22,500.00 for road and bridges. Ralph Weeks we may also need an architect and surveyor and it may cost more than we would like. If we cannot get a grant and we spend money to do all these things it would be wasted money. Stanley Peterson said the Morton Building, Inc. may be able to help us by drawing up a building for us and what we want. Jeff Musburger asked if we should set up a meeting with the Morton builder and Keith Fulcher will set up a time with them. Keith Fulcher will get back to the clerk to set up a special meeting and Annette Millsop will let the board know and it will be posted. We need to check on other funding for this project. Guy Ross asked if we have enough fire department personnel to handle all the calls and are they trained. Vickie Ross asked if we have a big enough tax base to handle a new building? Keith Fulcher said we have been asked by the unorganized township that is off of Comstock Lake Road, if we could take over for any fires or first responder calls and? It was suggested that maybe we could get by with only 2 trucks? With the area we have it would not be possible. It was also said if we acquire new people for the fire department. Debbie Leppala asked about their roads and how they would be taken care of if they joined our townships.

Electric Oven: Kevin said he would check into an industrial one for the kitchen. Annette Millsop and Keith Fulcher trained with Karolyn Boucher for the web pages and she will send her bill. She will also be available if and when we need her help.

Nelson Road and Cemetery Road need to be graded. Keith Fulcher will talk to Jeff Dulinski about these and Melrude road.

Keith Fulcher said he could not find any signs holders for the doors. West Bass Hall sign will be put on the ground instead of on the fire hall.

Annette Millsop and Keith Fulcher went to the Greenwood meeting for SLCATO and Jeff Musburger went to Carlton. We will not charge any homeowners for Emergency Services we perform we will use our own insurance.

Keith Fulcher made a motion to adjourn; Jeff Musburger seconded it at 7:55pm. Motion carried.