

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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Ellsburg Township Board Monthly Meeting

The board meeting was called to order on November 25, by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Board members present: Supervisor Keith Fulcher; Supervisor Jeff Musburger; Clerk Annette Millsop; Treasure Shelly Stallcop and Deputy Clerk Debbie Leppala. Guests: Arrlette Krog and Vicki Ross.

Clerks Minutes:

Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the minutes and Jeff Musburger seconded it. Annette Millsop clerk read the minutes from the Special Meeting for the Morton Builder and Jeff Musburger made a motion to accept them and Keith Fulcher seconded it with changes that he would like the names of everyone who attended to be on them too. Jeff Musburger also asked to have the meeting posted on the web site and in the chronicle in synopsis form. Motion carried with corrections.

Treasures Report:

Shelly Stallcop purchased a CD at Pioneer Bank for \$12,993.41.	
Beginning Balance:	\$59,264.79
Receipts:	\$19,256.41
Disbursements:	\$23,285.79
Total:	\$55,235.41

Shelly Stallcop added the checks for Pera and Kevin Cavanaugh to the claims list. Keith Fulcher received a bill from the credit card which Shelly Stallcop paid this month and it included a payment for Ipower which is also known as Tcows was not correct and he is trying to straighten it out because he said they charged us for the old web site and it was only supposed to be for the Domain name. This should be a lot less but the problem is that Betty Jo's name is on it and Keith Fulcher will have to have her call them and have her name taken off and it would be put into the Township name only. Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the bills as reported and Jeff Musburger seconded it with discussion to follow.

Jeff Musburger also said that he checked into the charges from St. Louis County for the grading of our roads and the mistakes that were made. He said they missed Cemetery Road. We need to keep track of the roads and each driver makes out a time sheet and in the spring we can find out who does it. Discussion followed and Jeff Musburger made a motion to accept the bills as presented and Keith Fulcher seconded all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Annette Millsop is to call BAS (Boundry and Annexation) on Wednesday. We have to vote on doing it or letting the county do it from now on.

Annette Millsop has already filled out the amount of money we spent for the elections for Annual Meeting, Primary and General and the amount paid for the judges and posting to St. Louis County.

Guests: Vicki Ross came to explain about Blackburn Road. She and her husband are having trouble with people turning around and using their property (ATV's, Bus, mailman and county vehicles) and now they are losing some of their property and want to know what to do about it. Keith Fulcher, Jeff Musburger and Kevin Cavanaugh will check into it in the spring when the ground thaws and are doing the road and bridge review. Kevin said the county plow has also not done the whole road.

Suggestions were made about changes of mail box location and a drainage ditch and nothing can be done until spring. Kevin Cavanaugh also said the county plow should push the snow past their driveway.

Vicki also looked at our web site and complimented us on it.

Old Business: Kevin Cavanaugh said he found an industrial oven in Duluth and will pick it up next

week.

Jeff Musburger gave the stats on the new building proposal from Bret Wick from Morton Builders who sent us a print to look at. Shelly Stallcop suggested we contact Dennis Miller and Jeramy Bolin from Miller Roofing as they are starting to build pole buildings too. Keith Fulcher said these were all good ideas but we still have not gotten any dollar amounts to apply for grants or anything else. He also found out we may need two mound systems. Jeff Musburger said if we can come up with grant dollars of 80-90% of the total cost and it does not leave us with a bill then we may be able to do it. Vicki Ross had some ideas of using the men's bathroom as storage space and the other one could have a handicap access or add on to the other side for more storage space. Jeff Musburger also said we have the option of building it on the old church property. We will discuss it more next month. Vicki said we could possibly move the door to the post office and do the other improvements too. Kevin Cavanaugh said the floor in the men's bathroom is deteriorating and would cost a lot to fix.

Web Page: Jeff Musburger sent some pictures Becky Musburger e-mailed to the office and we had nothing on the e-mail.

Unorganized Township: The Comstock Lake area came to the fire department and asked them if they would service them with First Responders and fire fighters for half of the area and Colvin would service the other half. This would involve \$5,500.00 payment from the county for this service. The fire department voted yes. They have talked about annexing into our township too but, Keith said their roads would be a problem because we would have to maintain them too. From now on the county would have to approve anything that happens. Kevin Cavanaugh asked what the township's responsibility would be in the decision of the unorganized township. Keith Fulcher and Jeff Musburger agreed that because of the fire department being incorporated and they have a contract with the township and are independent of the township. If the unorganized township decided to annex to Ellsburg then that would be the township decision.

Conference: Jim Fisher asked if we would be willing to annex the Stone Lake area to McDavitt to Keith Fulcher. Keith Fulcher said that it would be what the people who live there want to do. It their decision.

New Business: Annette Millsop asked if we could get a new Record Book for Shelly Stallcop for the Treasures reporting. It was agreed by the board to let Debbie Leppala Deputy Clerk get one for her. Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department contract will be coming up before the Annual meeting.

Wages: Jeff Musburger said he was hoping that the survey would be done so we could find out if we are comparable. Debbie Leppala suggested that there should be a base pay for new members and a wage increase accordingly. Jeff Musburger said we could use the file cabinets for storage and Annette Millsop and Debbie Leppala said they each have their own files and by the end of the year we will have to refile and put some into the safe. Debbie Leppala said we do the wage change at the Reorganization Meeting.

December 30th will be the starting date for someone to file for office. This year it will be one Supervisor and the treasure. The closing date will be January 13th. Annette Millsop will post it fourteen days ahead of the dates.

The board was asked to change the meeting date as Shelly Stallcop will be absent so it will be held on December 23rd, 2008.

Keith Fulcher made a motion to adjourn; Jeff Musburger seconded it. Motion carried at 7:30pm.