

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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Ellsburg Township Monthly Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order on December 23, 2008 by Chairman Kevin Cavanaugh at 5:50pm. The pledge of Allegiance was said. Board members present were: Supervisor Keith Fulcher, Supervisor Jeff Musburger, Clerk Annette Millsop, Treasure Shelly Stallcop and Deputy Clerk Debbie Leppala.

Guests: Margret Fulcher

Clerks Minutes

Motion was made by Keith Fulcher to accept the minutes as read, Jeff Musburger seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Report:

Beginning Balance	\$55,235.41
Receipts	\$62.73
Disbursements	\$12,555.06
Total	\$42,743.08

Shelly said she made a check out to the wrong people and reissued it to MAT. Keith Fulcher made a motion to accept the report and Kevin Cavanaugh seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mike levig presented a document about the grant he submitted and it will be accepted or rejected in January. SLCATO monthly report and revision on times at Cotton. Also they are still waiting for reports from several townships for wages.

Old Business: The electric oven was purchased by Jeff Musburger and is now in the Hall. Keith said he has not cleared up the problem with the Tucows on the web site. He will be working on it and it will take a while. Keith Fulcher said he hasn't heard anything new from Morton Building about cost and Jeff Musburger asked if he could ask about a square footage cost from them. Keith Fulcher will follow up on this for a grant. Annette Millsop contacted BAS and filled out the papers for the county to fill out the papers from now on for the boundaries. Keith Fulcher has not heard from the unorganized township for awhile. Debbie Leppala will be getting a new record book for Shelly Stallcop in January for the new year. Annette Millsop asked if new posting boards could be built for our Town Hall, West Bass and either the Wilbert or SA. Ray Leppala would be willing to make them for us. The board said Ray Leppala could check them over and either replace them or make new ones. Kevin Cavanaugh said we should use new wood not the old. Jeff Musburger made a motion and Keith Fulcher seconded, motion carried. Shelly Stallcop suggested we have the board of Audit after our regular meeting in January. The meeting day was changed to the 20th at 3pm. The board voted to change the time of the meetings to 3pm from now on unless the residents or the board found it to be not feasible. Keith Fulcher made the motion and Jeff Musburger seconded, Motion carried. Annette Millsop and Debbie Leppala will be bringing a budget to the board of audit meeting. Annette Millsop, Debbie Leppala and Shelly Stallcop will be meeting on the 19th to do the books. Annette Millsop will also put a notice in the paper about the change of time for the monthly board meeting.

Discussion about Debbie Leppala training Annette Millsop and decreasing her hours. Jeff Musburger is concerned about our general fund and how much it is costing to have her in the office. Discussion followed. Jeff Musburger said are we ready if we are audited. Annette Millsop and Debbie Leppala

said from Shelly Stallcop's books we are fine for 2008 financially. Debbie Leppala said for the clerks minutes from the past before March of 2008 no we are not. Annette Millsop stated she is not responsible for anything before March of 2008. We need to have a budget and the wages should be discussed because Governor Palenty requested the levy and wages should be frozen to help tax payers in the financial problems we are facing.

Motion to adjourn by Jeff Musburger , seconded by Keith Fulcher at 6:45pm. Next meeting at 3pm on January 20th. Motion carried.