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March 10, 2015 Annual Township Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 p.m. by Clerk Barbara Cavanaugh in the Ellsburg Town Hall

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The Clerk asked for nominations for moderator, Arrlette Krog nominated Becky Musburger, there were no other nominations. The clerk read the Township Meeting minutes from 2014. Arrlette Krog made a motion to accept the minutes, Heidi Yokel second. motion carried.

Residents and Guests present were: Terry Giernett, Arnell Hanson, Lee Voigt, Heidi Yokel, Ben Yokel, Arrlette Krog, Ralph Weeks, Jeff Dulinski, Shelly Stallcop, Brandon Cavanaugh, Becky Musburger, Tim Solomon, Jeff Dulinski, Jennifer McRae, Elaine Wick,

Treasurer Shelly Stallcop read the treasurers report.

Beginning Balance:	\$113,634.89
Receipts:	\$153,401.76
Disbursements:	\$135,700.79
Total Ending Balance:	\$131,316.71

General Fund:

Beginning Balance:	\$60,386.50
Receipts:	\$82,146.37
Disbursements:	\$53,117.45
Ending Balance:	\$89,397.27

Road & Bridge:

Beginning Balance:	\$45,981.78
Receipts:	\$26,219.20
Disbursements:	\$38,618.65
Total Ending Balance:	\$33,582.33

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Community buildings and Playground: Brandon Cavanaugh reported that the Fire Hall is in need of some repair due to water damage. He also said the Pavilion Slab has to be replaced or pavilion moved, Questions were answered as to who owns the fire building, and Arrlette Krog explained the Township owns the buildings and the reason the one building is without drainage.

Cemetery: Arrlette Krog reported that grass seed had been added to areas, and that some headstones should be straightened, also there is a misspelling on a plaque that should be fixed. Ralph Weeks suggested that we should contact John Koski of Cherry who does cemetery repair.

Road and bridge report: Jeff Dulinski reported that all projects were finished from last year and gave financial breakdown of costs.

Website: Arrlette Krog reported that the Ellsburg web site is up and running and looking very nice. The new Web Address is: www.EllsburgTwpMn.org Arrlette also said the new web site is much cheaper and That Stan Johnston is doing an excellent job.

Fire department contract: was tabled for time being.

Arrlette Krog asked the residents and guests for and suggestions or ideas that they would like to see for future projects for the Township. Dick Hanson questioned why the Town Board Meeting synopsis was not always in the Cotton Chronicle, Clerk Barbara Cavanaugh said it was her fault and would be more diligent about it in the future. Jeff Musburger suggested that we have 3 professionals come and give estimates for the pavilion project. Arrlette Krog explained the Blackburn drive project and the grant application, and Cart way classification. Arrlette then read a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Brady Miller, stating his resignation would be final in April 2015. Some discussion followed about mutual aid. Lee Voigt stated he would like to see a committee formed to organize and rejuvenate the Fire Department. Jeff Dulinski spoke of the need for more people to join. A very lively and spirited discussion followed between residents about the Fire Department. A motion was made by Jeff Dulinski for the Ellsburg Town Board to give to the Fireman's Relief Association, Ralph Weeks second, motion carried. Jeff Dulinski made a motion to except the 2016 Ellsburg Levy, Heidi Yokel second. there were no objections, motion was carried.

General Fund:	\$88,000.00
Road Fund:	\$27,000.00
Total:	\$115,000.00

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Arrlette Krog spoke about setting a limit of \$2,000.00 for donations to various projects. Ralph Weeks made a motion to accept, Jeff Musburger second, motion carried.

The Board of Canvass met and the Township election results were read:

Supervisor-3 year term	Votes
1. Joe Caple	29
2. Jeff Dulinski	13
3. Ron Saukko	1
Treasurer-2 year term	
1. Becky Musburger	16
2. Beth Iallonardo	7
3. Shelly Stallcop	1

It was announced the Joe Caple will assume Town Supervisor position, and Becky Musburger will be Treasurer.

As there was no further business Jeff Musburger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Brandon Cavanaugh second. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Moderator_____

Barbara Cavanaugh

Ellsburg Town Clerk