

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP  
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**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING**

February 1, 2022  
(Rescheduled from January 25, 2002)

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM in the Ellsburg Town hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Chairman Arrlette Krog, Vice Chair Beth Caple and Clerk Cindy Brown. Treasurer Elaine Wick joined via Zoom. Supervisor Kevin Davidson was absent. Guests present were: Heidi Yokel and Lee Voigt.

Clerks' minutes for December 2021 were read.

Treasurer Report for December 2021

<b>For the Period: 12/1/2021 To 12/31/2021</b>				
<u>Name of Fund</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Total Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund	\$88,826.46	\$18,622.18	\$5,303.06	\$102,145.58
Road and Bridge	\$25,841.98	\$6,277.52	\$0.00	\$32,119.50
Fire	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00
Cemetery	\$5,279.38	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$6,529.38
ARPA	\$10,949.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,949.83
General Capital Projects	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$145,897.65</b>	<b>\$48,649.70</b>	<b>\$5,303.06</b>	<b>\$189,244.29</b>

<b>BILLS SUBMITTED FOR PAYMENT</b>			
Invoice	Description	Check #	Amount
APG Media	Election Filing Notice	8230	\$25.75
COMO Oil	Propane	8231	\$282.45
Culligan Water	Sale for water softener	8232	\$57.50
EFVD	2021 2nd half apportionment	8233	\$24,768.10
Lake Country Power	Electricity	8234	\$297.83
TAG Handyman Services	Snow Plowing	8235	\$1,541.91
US Tresasury	4th Qtr 941	8236	\$122.37
Stan Johnston	July-Dec website	8237	\$92.50
Beth Caple	mileage, moderator fee	8238	\$135.55
Cindy Brown	office supplies	8239	\$747.31
SLCAT	MAT dues and county dues	8240	\$498.96
PERA	Retirement	8241	\$140.48
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,710.71</b>
<b>PAYROLL SUBMITTED FOR JANUARY</b>			<b>\$1,410.07</b>

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- December Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer Report
- Bills for payment
- Payroll

Vice Chair Beth Caple made a motion to approve consent agenda items, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** No action required.

### **RESIDENTS AND GUESTS:**

- Heidi Yokel gave a Fire Department Report. They responded to 4 medical calls, 2 members attended EMRIS training, 5 members attended the Arrowhead EMS training and 2 members were certified to “stop the bleeding”.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Road and Bridge:**
  - Road Signs – Vice Chair Beth Caple reported that the signs will be replaced in spring by Mesabi Signs.
- **Buildings:**
  - Melrude Fire Hall: Clerk Cindy Brown asked supervisors what the next steps will be after the special meeting to inform residents of the issue and the recommendation to resolve. They would like the committee to meet one more time to review what they recommended as supervisors Arrlette Krog and Beth Caple are wondering if the recommendation is the best course of action. The supervisors will go ahead with the suggested levy increase of \$100,000 for electors to vote on at the March Annual Meeting on March 8, 2022. If the levy increase is approved the residents will be kept informed as the project evolves via monthly board meetings or, if needed, another special town meeting.
- **Cemetery:**
  - Cemetery fees will be reviewed at the February board meeting as Supervisor Kevin Davidson was absent.
- **Website:** Nothing new to report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ARPA – Clerk informed the supervisors that as of April 1, 2022 the ARPA funds can go into the General Fund and used for a broader range of township needs. More information will be forthcoming to guide townships on appropriate use of the funds.
- The clerk presented the list of recommended election judges to serve the township in 2022. Vice Chair Beth Caple approved the list of election judges, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved. Rita Giernett as head judge, Steph Upton, Cindy Davidson, Aubreanna McKeever and Scott Streitz were all approved as 2022 Ellsburg Township election judges.

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- The Ellsburg Volunteer Fire Department presented their 2021 financials. They also presented their list of members in good standing for the township to consider a donation to their retirement. This matter will be tabled until the February board meeting when all board members are present as one of the supervisors at this meeting is on the list which presents a conflict of interest.
- Chairperson Beth Caple made a motion to approve moderator pay of \$75.00 for the annual meeting, as well as all other special town meetings held through February 2023, Chairperson Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.
- The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization (LBAE) date for 2022 was set at April 20, 2022. Clerk to forward to the LBAE coordinator.
- Clerk requested consideration of a quote from TAG Handyman Services to replace the old carpet in the Melrude Town Hall office with vinyl flooring, as well as the kitchen area so the flooring matches. Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve the request, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved.

As there was no further business, Chairperson Arrlette Krog made a motion to adjourn, Vice Chair Beth Caple second, motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

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Cindy Brown, Clerk

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Arrlette Krog, Chairman

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Date