

**ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP
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MELRUDE, MN 55766**

ELLSBURG TOWNSHIP MEETING

May 30, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Ellsburg Town hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Chairman Arrlette Krog, Vice Chairman Beth Iallonardo, Supervisor Joe Caple, Treasurer Elaine Wick, and Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton. Clerk Barbara Cavanaugh was absent. Guests present were Lee Voigt, Heidi Yokel, Jeff Dulinski, and Ray Privett.

Clerks minutes were read, Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve minutes, Supervisor Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Treasurer's Report For April , 2017

	Totals	General	Road & Bridge	Fire	Cemetery
Beginning Balance April 2017	71,690.86	28,404.26	34,621.87	0.00	8,664.77
Receipts	724.80	724.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Disbursements	5,127.74	3,596.49	1,531.25	0.00	0.00
Ending Balance April 2017	67,287.92	25,532.53	33,090.62	0.00	8,664.77

Arrlette Krog inquired as to why there was a 4 cent change between the ending balance for March and the beginning balance for April. Treasurer Elaine Wick stated that she had made an accounting error in the March ending balance and had corrected it in the April beginning balance. Supervisor Joe Caple made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Chairman Arrlette Krog second, motion approved.

Bills submitted for payment:

Vendor	Description	Check #	Amount
Lee Voigt	Lawn Mowing Contract	7137	\$2,450.00
Arvig	Telephone and Internet	7138	\$148.13
Cotton Chronicle	Renewal of Sponsorship	7139	\$180.00
Lake Country Power	Electricity April	7140	\$290.78
MATIT Insurance	Consolidated Coverage Renewal	7141	\$2,439.00
Norland Sanitary	Refuse Collection May	7142	\$17.55
St. Louis County Auditor	Proposed Tax Notice	7143	\$151.28
St. Louis County Auditor	Auto mark Machine Maintenance	7144	\$180.00
Laurentian Monument Granite and Stone	Bronze Plaque	7145	\$496.07
Jennifer Carlson	Town Hall Cleaning	7146	\$50.00
McKenzie Clinton	Wages and Mileage	7147	\$391.73
Beth Iallonardo	Wages	7148	\$46.77
Arrlette Krog	Wages and Mileage	7149	\$245.20
Elaine Wick	Wages and office Supplies	7150	\$312.20
Joe Caple	Wages and Mileage	7151	\$247.83

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PERA	Retirement	7152	\$43.16
Total			\$7,689.70

Supervisor Beth Iallonardo made a motion to accept the bills for payment, Supervisor Joe Caple second, motion approved.

Correspondence: St. Louis County sent a letter regarding the snowplowing contract stating that due to the size of the trucks, any townships interested in having St. Louis County plow their roads needs to have the roads inspected by the county. A discussion about this followed. Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that she will call the county and set up a meeting for them to inspect the roads.

Road and Bridge: Supervisor Joe Caple stated that the work that is needed on the culverts is on hold until the construction on the bridge is complete. Supervisor Joe Caple then spoke about the sodium chloride that is needed stating that he will call and get prices. He also expressed concerns about exclusively hiring Rick McRae to do all of the road work and culvert work that is needed. He stated that the township needs to receive bids for each project. Arrlette Krog stated that because of the costs of the projects, the township only needs to receive one bid, and therefore can enter into an agreement with one contractor.

Cemetery: Chairman Arrlette Krog stated that three new headstones were placed at the cemetery, and that one was at the townships expense.

Buildings: Supervisor Beth Iallonardo spoke about the projects need to be completed such as power washing the outside of the town hall and painting the picnic tables in the pavilion. A discussion about the need to spray for flies inside the town hall took place. Supervisor Beth Iallonardo stated that she will look at prices and have someone out to spray.

Website: Nothing new to report

New Business:

Heidi Yokel and Ray Privett spoke about the fire department, stating that they went on five calls that month, including a structure fire, a grass fire and mutual aid calls. Ray Privett also stated that the fire department had purchased a new truck from Canosia Township. He then spoke about driving training the fire department had attended.

Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton spoke about the upcoming summer short course training that is available for the town board. Supervisor Beth Iallonardo, Chairman Arrlette Krog, Treasurer Elaine Wick, and Deputy Clerk McKenzie Clinton stated that they would be attending. Chairman Arrlette Krog made a motion to approve that funds be made available to cover the cost of the training, Supervisor Beth Iallonardo second, motion carried.

The 2017 Road Review minutes were read, Supervisor Beth Iallonardo made a motion to approve the minutes, Joe Caple second, motion carried.

A discussion about hiring a handyman for the town hall took place. The Board made the discussion that there is not enough work to warrant hiring someone at this time.

Supervisor Joe Caple stated that the north side of the Bass Lake Fire Hall had not been mowed and inquired as to why Lee Voigt had not done so yet. Lee Voigt stated that due to the rain, he has been unable to, and that as soon as the weather cooperates, he will mow.

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A discussion about the Fourth of July parade route took place. Supervisor Arrlette Krog stated that the community club would be discussing it and coming up with an alternative route since the route used in previous years is unavailable.

As there was no further business, Supervisor Beth Iallonardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Supervisor Joe Caple second, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

McKenzie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

Arrlette Krog , Chairman

Date