

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Tipka-Chairman Supervisor; Dave Jutz-Supervisor, John Smith – Supervisor, Elvera Smith Treasurer, Lori Johnson-Clerk

OTHER ATTENDEES: Paul Johnson, Jan Jutz, Todd Walters

APPROVE AND ACCEPT MINUTES – *John Smith motion to accept and Dave Jutz second.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bills to pay: Payroll Taxes \$634.95
- Eden Valley Lumber \$5,648.52
- Mike Murphy – Snow Plowing \$ 3,100.00
- MAT- Mn Assoc. of Township Dues -Meeker Co \$150.00 & MAT \$611.68 = \$761.68
- Hutchinson Leader – Filing Notice \$61.23
- Elvera asked Supervisors to review the treasurer's report closely before the annual meeting.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report and pay bills by John Smith and second by Dave Jutz.

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

CLERKS REPORT:

- Candidate for Supervisor Alan Skjefte and Treasurer Dawn Renner
- Lori did discuss plowing issue on road off of 33rd (672nd). Mike Murphy has a schedule he goes by and if residents need it plowed earlier, we will be billed. The December bill cost an additional \$200 for sanding. Any additional plowing would be up to residents.

OPEN MEETING:

- Lake Manuella Weed Assoc – Paul Johnson said a few years ago when the culvert on the west side of Lake Manuella was replaced the DNR issued a permit to have the sediment removed and also a maintenance permit for the culvert. Now with all of the sediment coming out of the culvert Ethan Jensen from the DNR was contacted again. They found out that the permit is still valid, but through Ellsworth Township and has to be applied for by them. There are grants available. There are grants through several organizations. Lake Manuella Association would apply for the grants through Ellsworth if the township permitted. They could form a committee and report back to the Township to approve. *Motion was made by John Smith and second by Dave Jutz to approve and allow committee to apply for grants.* Dave Tipka said the issue has been brought up before and a sediment pond was discussed in order to slow water flow down. Paul said they are working with Ethan Jensen from DNR.
- Todd Walters asked about the road update off of County Rd 33 – Dave Tipka said it was included in the bond. We are working on getting in touch with an attorney to see how the road could be assessed.

Motion to close open meeting John Smith and second Dave Jutz

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dave Jutz said that he has heard nothing from Mark Woods on VRBO
- Furnace repair – Dave Tipka asked about why the tank was full and not draining – There was supposed to be a pump put in so it would drain – will check after meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- Township Day at Capitol – MAT will bill us \$100 for each supervisor attending. Mileage not included. Dave Jutz & John Smith are planning on attending.
Motion made to approve the \$100 cost for each supervisor attending by Dave Tipka and second by Dave Jutz.
- Dassel Fire Meeting update dinner & meeting on 28th

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by John Smith and Dave Jutz second Adjourn 7:55PM