

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2022

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

OTHER ATTENDEES:

APPROVE AND ACCEPT MINUTES – *Motion by John Smith and second Dave Jutz*

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bills to pay:

IRS: \$ 634.95

W-2 \$20.19

Jack's: \$299.95

Printing Dec: \$20.00

Hutchinson Leader \$27.48

Matt \$759.12

Meeker Co-Op: \$57.27

Tom Nemitz - \$100.00

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

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA : Correction to change 640TH culvert to 198th under old business

CLERKS REPORT:

- Letter from Soil & Water Conservation re: Watershed Management- Dave Jutz will look into regarding culvert on Cedar Lake. Information has to be back to them by March 7.
- Hutchinson Fire Meeting February 3, 2022 at Hutchinson Event Center – All supervisors plan to attend.
- Forms for vacant property from assessor for tax exempt: Lori will complete forms and return
- There were 2 candidates: John Smith for Supervisor and Lori Johnson for clerk.

OPEN MEETING:

No attendees - *Motion to close open meeting by John Smith and second by Dave Jutz*

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Furnace Repair** – John Smith said Nemitz fixed faucet and waiting for tank to come in...should be in soon.
- **VRBO update:** Dave Jutz said we probably won't hear until after January.
- **Update on land sale:** No update yet
- **Bonding:** Dave will talk to Mark and find out when we have to have information to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Speed Limit Traffic Signs:** 215th traffic signs for speed limit 35 MPH – State raised to 45 MPH since it is not rural residential -Phil said we don't have to follow state regulations since not rural residential – homeowners had requested 25 MPH. We can wait to change or discuss in spring. On Lake Erie from boat landing is rural residential and it is up to us what speed we want since we have to pay for the signs. There was another one also.
- **Knife River Hauling:** Hauling sand from Hwy 22 – going to Hutchinson for police station. It is coming from Knife River pit – that one is in Green Leaf and not ours.
- **Set Levy 2022:** Fire Levy will go up from 46,000 to \$50,000 – leave General and Road. If road levy is raised then the American Rescue Act funds can't be used for roads. We have approx. \$45,000 for the first half of Rescue Act.

Dave Jutz made motion to raise Fire Levy to \$50,000 and John Smith second.

Discussion about offering coffee and donuts for annual meeting– John Smith will take care of getting coffee pot, donuts, napkins etc.

- **ADJOURN :** *Motion to adjourn by Dave Jutz and second by John Smith – Adjourn 7:40PM*