

## ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2022

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: 2 other

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

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

- Payroll: \$4,114.85 (includes election costs)
- Jacks: \$377.77
- Printing & Annual Meeting \$110.00
- Mike Murphy – Plowing Feb: 701.25
- John Smith \$33.96 Donuts & Coffee

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

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA : None

**CLERKS REPORT:**

- Appeals & Equalization Meeting is scheduled April 14 @ 6:00 – all supervisors will attend
- Election: 28 voters – information was sent to Auditor
- April 5 – Redistricting Meeting – information passed to all supervisors

**OPEN MEETING:**

- Jan submitted bill – they purchased flag and put up – will reimburse \$30 since it is up and a good price. Will include in this months bills to pay.
- Co Rd 33 residents: Issue about water problems and not draining correctly – Dave Tipka brought up possibility of cost sharing to repair and discussion about future repair. Some discussion about the majority being year round or seasonal owners. Also discussed travel on roads incl: garbage trucks. Dave Tipka will talk to Barb Loch and Mark from County about getting bids. Will get a list of roads to bid and get to Lori to put into ad in paper. Will need to get bids first, including specifics– also find out what needs to be in paper for bids ahead of time. Dave Tipka will find out what needs to be put in the paper and what details and specifics we need. Hopefully we can get it in before next meeting.

*Motion to close open meeting by Dave Jutz and second by John Smith*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Furnace Repair** – John reported tank not in yet
- **VRBO update:** Dave Jutz said he is still working with Mark Woods on it
- **Update on land sale:** – close to be finished and then Dave Tipka and Lori Johnson will have to sign.
- **Bonding:** As discussed earlier – we will need bids first and then have a special meeting. Table for now.
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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dave Jutz got bids from Borgen. They have enough crack fill and mastic to fill the bids from last year and those prices will still be same, however due to oil prices and application and chip seal price will go up 4% per month. On current road project we are looking at \$5,770 increase per month. On 640<sup>th</sup> bid \$45,940.00 until end of month. The bid for 654<sup>th</sup> around Lake Manuella is \$98,275.00 for this month. Dave Jutz said he talked to Andrew Letson and we can use the funds from the American Rescue Act for road repair. We could use part of it now and save part for next year. \$43,000 and additional amount later. Discussion on time for getting bids in relation to bonding. Dave Jutz said we should just use the money we have no instead of waiting for bonding funds. Discussion about what dollar amount before it has to be put out for bid – Dave Tipka said it used to be 75,000.

*Motion made by Dave Jutz to accept Borgen bid 640<sup>th</sup> \$45,940 and second John Smith*

*Motion made by Dave Jutz to accept bid for 654<sup>th</sup> and second John Smith.*

Dave Jutz said there are still two bids coming from Mid-Minnesota.

- Discussion about culvert being replaced between Lake Stella and Lake Washington – upcoming meeting in Dassel will provide additional information.
- Report on SF 2579 Senate Environment Hearing- Dave Jutz -Jan Jutz said they got a call from Dean Urdahl recommended attending a Senate Committee to appropriating money one time to open up small ditches. This was an issue from several years ago. It will be a grant program along with the DNR. Dave and Jan Jutz did attend. The did not state a price. Barb Loch had told Dave that once we clean the ditch we can submit to the county ditch association and if accepted then we have permanent maintenance.
- Mapping Status Report: Reviewed the information – form needs to be sent back with any changes to existing map. Dave Jutz will make changes and send back.
- **ADJOURN** : *Motion to adjourn by Dave Jutz and second by John Smith – Adjourn 8:28 PM*