

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2022

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: 5 others

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bills to pay:

- Payroll: \$648.34
- Ditch Assessment: \$269.56
- Election Costs \$236.01
- Mike Murphy Const: 412.50
- Litchfield Fire: \$27,802.00
- Dassel Fire: \$18,743.34
- Meeker Washed Sand & Gravel

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

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

CLERKS REPORT:

- Board of Equalization Meeting Review
- Discussion re: new computers & CTAS program. Cost is \$350 for CTAS and can be put on multiple computers. Both Elvera and Lori are using their own computers and printers. After discussion regarding needs a motion was made by John Smith and second Dave Jutz to allow Paul Johnson to purchase 2 computers and 2 printers with a limit of \$3,500.00. We would also need to purchase Microsoft Office which can be put on multiple computers.
- Discussion regarding ballot from Meeker Co-Op. Supervisors all got one also so we will not do anything with the one addressed to the township.
- Reviewed tax valuation for the hall – not much of a change from last year

OPEN MEETING:

- Discussion on road off of Co Rd 33 – there are some frost spots and needs work. Dave Tipka said it will be reviewed when we do road inspection in a couple of weeks.
- Connie Johnson said her road needs some gravel again – especially after Vibrant had come out and done some work. Also asked if the minutes were available. Lori said she could start putting them out on the website or e-mailing.
- Candidate running for State Senate District 17 introduced himself
- Discussion regarding gravel pits not paying fair share – it is a county issue and it is being worked on. Paul Johnson said it was discussed at the commissioners meeting also. Ultimately it is up to the county to decide if rules are being followed and if their permits will be reviewed.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Furnace Repair** – John reported not finished yet-he will contact Nemitz to schedule
- **VRBO update:** Dave Jutz said he is still working with Mark Woods on it
- **Bonding:** As discussed earlier – we will need bids first and then have a special meeting. We are still working on getting bids on 216th, 208th, 672th and 670th
- Notice from Phil Schmalz that the State Road Project by Green Leaf that we had written grant for was approved. We would pay ten percent of the project (approx. \$70,000. Dave Jutz will work with Phil on it to do next year. Dave Tipka said it would make sense to build base this year and let it set so it would be ready to black top next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Smith said he has been approached to put up a shelter dedicated to old School District 66. They were wondering if money from the Rescue Act could be used. It would be dedicated to past board members. Table for now.
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- Date set for road inspection. Tentative date is May 11th at 4:30
- Discussion of chairman supervisor – John Smith recommended Dave Tipka continue and he agreed to remain.
- Elvera asked about excessive truck traffic on 195th. Dave Tipka said we would have to talk to Collinwood Township to change their road to 5 ton also. Dave Tipka will talk to Phil Schmalz and Carlin about their recommendation.
- Dave Jutz said we have to approve Mid-Minnesota bid so it can be completed. *Motion made by John Smith and second Dave Jutz to accept bid for 198th.*
- Dave Jutz said he has gotten a call from Huhn's about the bump by the culvert on 654th on Lake Manuella. Dave talked to Jerry from Borgen and he said they can patch and also Carlen from the county. Carlen said they cannot take on any more projects this year. We will review during road inspection.
- Discussion on another spot on 654th and Dave Jutz said he will get a bid from Mid-Minnesota

ADJOURN: *Motion to adjourn by Dave Jutz and second by John Smith – Adjourn 8:05 PM*