

ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Smith- Supervisor; Dave Jutz -Supervisor; Alan Skjefte-Supervisor; Lori Johnson-Clerk; Dawn Renner – Treasurer

OTHER ATTENDEES: Tim Juntunen, Todd Walters, Carol Walls, Patrick Cattarin, Jan Jutz, Stan Schmidt, Paul Johnson, Jeff Nygaard

APPROVE AND ACCEPT MARCH MINUTES: Dave Jutz made motion and Alan Skjefte second.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Jack's – Propane (146 gal @ \$1.99.9) \$293.45
- Meeker County Transfer (Pick up mattress, recliner, etc dumped by roadside) \$40.00
- Hutchinson Leader – ads for election, annual meeting & Board of Equalization \$92.46
- Meeker County Auditor – Election Costs (1/7th) \$ 1,606.77
- Cory & Ruppe Attorney (phone discussion regarding 670th -672nd) \$187.50
- City of Dassel – Fire Contract \$18,883.68
- Boerner Well \$110.00
- MN Township – Training 5 @ \$75 = \$375.00
- Stan Schmidt: Snow Blowing for full season \$400.00
- Dave Jutz – bill from Boerner Well \$27.72

Motion to approve Treasurer's report and pay the bills by Dave Jutz and second Alan Skjefte

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

CLERKS REPORT:

- Board of Equalization Update – no one was in attendance – few had contacted office earlier.
- Hall Rental – May 20th
- Plunkett's spraying – John will get a couple of quotes.
- Road Inspection – May 3rd 5:00 and May 10 back up
- Check received for cable franchise from Nuvera \$209.00

OPEN MEETING:

- Jeff Nygaard – discussion of VRBO – he has list of items that anyone renting has to follow. Dave Jutz has information – will make the list and work with attorney – will draw up permit. Includes noise, septic, tax status (residential or commercial), parking, contacts if any issue, approval, etc. We will need to make it an ordinance.

Motion to close open meeting made by Dave Jutz and seconded by Alan Skjefte

OLD BUSINESS:

- Furnace Repair – John Smith has pump
- Update Cattarin – vacating road – Pat & Carol have the paperwork from Mark Wood – will publish in newspaper and then meet before the next meeting in person at the location. Lori will post at hall.
- Discussion 670th & 672nd – Lori gave information that attorney Bob Ruppe discussed. There would have to be money put in a fund ahead of time and then get a cost for the project and then would have to get at least 50 percent of landowners and work with county to put as assessment on taxes. Dave Jutz will contact Mark Wood's office. We will have to have an engineer also.

NEW BUSINESS:

- John Smith said he got an e-mail from Knife River inquiring about using 198th if they get the bid for County Rd 14 – will table until we see if they get the bid.
- John also had someone requesting that mail balloting discussion be on the May agenda which it is. It will be informational to get feedback and Barb Loch will be available to answer questions. The supervisors gather all information and they make the decision. Dave Jutz discussed the information they learned at the meeting. Barb did say there was a bill in the House right now that would allow people to vote in person at the courthouse on election day even though they had received an absentee ballot.

ADJOURN: *Dave Jutz made motion to adjourn and Alan Skjefte second*