

## ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2023

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: 21 ATTENDEES

### APPROVE AND ACCEPT PREVIOUS MONTH MINUTES:

*Motion to accept minutes Dave Jutz and seconded by Alan Skjefte*

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Mike Murphy Snow Plowing: March \$ 1,800.00 April \$ 300.00 Total: \$2,100.00
- Copies from Annual Meeting & Office Supplies \$91.20
- Meeker County Hwy Dept \$177.50
- Boerner Well 4/25 – Labor \$245.00
- Meeker Co-Op \$66.66 (ACH)

*Motion to approve Treasurer's report and pay the bills.*

### CLERKS REPORT:

- Barb Loch will give some data on mail balloting and election information prior to Open Meeting

### OPEN MEETING:

MAIL BALLOT DISCUSSION- Barb Loch had facts/information regarding non-biased information regarding mail balloting rules/regulations. She stated that Meeker County does not make the rules – they just has to make sure they are followed. Costs are mailing costs, administrative time etc. approx. just over \$2,100.00. She discussed pro/cons of mail balloting. Question was how it came up originally to switch and there were people on both sides discussing at annual meeting so it was set to discuss at the May meeting. At that meeting after much discussion and review of outside input it was unanimous by the supervisors to change to mail balloting motion made by John Smith – second by Roger Werner and Dave Jutz voted to change to mail balloting. It is the supervisors that vote on the decision – they will put on agenda to vote in September. Discussion of newsletter to be e-mailed and it was discussed that it was too. John mentioned that if anyone interested in township interests attend the monthly meetings.

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

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Road Inspections Completed
- Cattarins Road Vacate Complete
- Update on 270<sup>th</sup>/272<sup>nd</sup> Dave Jutz requested two quotes separately – Mid Minnesota Hot Mix – the difference is the type of oil. Total is \$87,710 with recommended oil is \$81,000. The other bill is within a couple thousand

dollars. When Dave gets the bid he will take it to attorney to determine the costs for each person and a letter will be sent. It could be between \$5,000 & \$10,000 for all fees. Lori said the attorney mentioned that we need an account ahead of time by the residents to include attorney fees. From original discussion the residents costs would include attorney fees. Dave Jutz will check with attorney again.

- Furnace Repair – John Smith- not finished yet
- Quotes for spraying hall –Plunkett’s John Smith spring – summer-fall \$498.00

*Motion made by Dave Jutz and seconded by Alan Skjefte to have Plunketts spray 3 times*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Road Spraying – Dave Jutz said we are on schedule for road spraying – cost is slightly higher than last year
- Bids for asphalt patching on miscellaneous small spots – Bergen will be in area and MCI
- 208<sup>th</sup> and 216<sup>th</sup> will start on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2-1/2” asphalt will be increased
- Both Reiner and Meeker Washed Sand & Gravel permits extended and they are going to both be expanding their pits.

**ADJOURN:** *Motion to adjourn John Smith and seconded by Dave Jutz 8:47*