

## ELLSWORTH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 19, 2022

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Kristy Rice, Tim Juntunen, Todd Walters

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

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

- Meeker Co Highway Dept. 470.03
- Bergen \$49,477.00

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

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: None

**CLERKS REPORT:**

**OPEN MEETING:**

- Kristy Rice from DNR said they have been approached by a land owner in Green Leaf to sell a parcel of 100 acres. They do not need our approval but just wanted to let us know. Dave Tipka brought up about the culvert on Green Leaf Lake that keeps getting plugged up with cattail bogs. The DNR said it is our responsibility, however DNR owns the water. Kristy said it was not really her area of expertise. Dave said we would like to get this figured out and DNR has avoided us many times. She will check Eathen Jensen or Gary. There was discussion about how much difference the tax rate is on DNR owned land and Kristy said she would look into it and get back to us.
- Tim and Todd were there regarding the road 672. We did do the road review. We got an approximate estimate from Mid-Minnesota for \$53,300 to put asphalt their road. There was discussion whether to make it a 7-ton road. They would put a 45' circle at the end. If they blacktop the road the water will still run down the hill and wash the edges along the black top. Dave Tipka asked if they were thinking a 60/40 split-they would need to take it back to the residents to discuss. They would need to get 50 percent of the resident. There was also discussion on the option of putting the cost as an assessment. Dave Tipka said we should get a second bid on our roads to we could bond for everything. Current resident will have to agree also to get 50 percent. We will then contact county attorney. Dave Jutz said it may be hard to get a second bid this time of year – Dave Tipka will look into getting second bid.

*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 again
- **Shelter by Town Hall:** John Smith said we need a shelter next to Hall...question on why when there was a brand new one just down the road by beach. There was discussion that it would use

parking that is needed during elections. John will get a bid. We need a new sign outside town hall to and also week control.

- **VRBO update:** Dave Jutz said he is still working with Mark Woods on it..also the dead end road so they can put a dead end road and put in a gate. They are paying for lawyer.
- **Bonding:** Dave Tipka said as we discussed earlier the rate is up. He said we should still do this year if we can. Discussion on bonding this year or next year. Looked at previous bids – We will also have some grant money. We would bond for 650,000 which was less than last time. Dave Tipka will contact Knife River to get a bid.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURN:** *Motion to adjourn by Dave Jutz and second by John Smith*