

Ogema Township
Town Board Meeting MINUTES
November 14, 2024

Board members attending: Supervisor Charles Kramer, Supervisor Anne Haas, Supervisor Ron Meehan, Treasurer Sarah Benson, Clerk Bryan Massman
Others attending: Mike Waggoner, Kolleen Schneider

- A. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Supervisor Charles Kramer
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- C. **Approval of Agenda.** Ron motioned to approve the agenda. Anne 2nd. Approved.
- D. **Approval of Minutes.** Ron motioned to approve the September meeting minutes. Anne 2nd. Motion approved
- E. **Public Comment:** None
- F. **Treasury Report.** Ron motioned to approve the treasurers report. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.
- G. **Claims for payment.** Two checks to Summerland Excavating for culvert installation on Horseshoe were approved but will go on December's report. Ron motioned to approve the claims. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.

Vendor	Claim #	Amount	Notes
Summerland Excavating	5186	\$2010.00	Install culverts on Horseshoe Rd (FEMA) and grading
Tenet	5187	\$13495.50	Culverts (FEMA)
Couri & Ruppe	5188	\$66.25	Teleconference regarding shoreland regulation
Northstar Media	5189	\$24.25	Accuracy Test Posting
Central Right of Way	5190	\$1069.20	Shoulder mowing
Mike Waggoner	5191	\$71.82	Mileage to NPAHD meeting
Cindy Dalen	5192	\$108.00	Election judge training
Marlene Erickson	5193	\$108.00	Election Judge
Nancy Filip	5194	\$108.00	Election Judge
Anne Haas	5195	\$305.76	Accuracy test, Election Judge and mileage
Sharol Huggett	5196	\$50.00	Accuracy test
Kathleen Kramer	5197	\$108.00	Election Judge
Julie McMonigal	5198	\$144.00	Election judge and training
Sean McMonigal	5199	\$191.88	Election judge and training
Ron Meehan	5200	\$259.09	Election judge and mileage
Townboard Member	5201	\$332.46	Wages
Townboard Member	5202	\$55.41	Wages
Townboard Member	5203	\$60.03	Wages
Townboard Member	5204	\$757.27	Wages

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Federated Co-op	2024 13DC	\$748.29	Propane prebuy
Northview Bank	2024 2TR	\$201.42	Transfer from General Debt Service to General Fund
USPS, Webster	2024 14DC	\$2.93	Postage for certificate of mailing of 941s
Centurylink	2024 37AP	\$147.05	Townhall phone and internet service
East Central Energy	2024 38AP	\$64.74	Townhall electric
Everon	2024 39AP	\$63.22	Townhall security

H. Old Business

- **Monthly Road Review (Ron)**
 - Rosebud Lane. Ron spoke to Cameron at Hopkins about grading. Ron to meet with Hopkins for further review.
 - Sky Blue Water. The road was missed the last grading in November. Needs to be widened.
 - N. Alma Razor. Could use additional gravel. The 25 MPH sign is shot up. Craig will repair damaged culvert.
 - Horseshoe Road. Continue grading, the east end is narrow, needs to be widened. It is unclear if the beaver dam, south side of road, about half mile east of Tamarack Rd has been removed. Follow up needed.
 - Barnes Spring Road. Culvert project completed.
 - S. Alma Razor Rd. The road is narrow on the north end.
 - FEMA money was to be used by 12/31. An extension was filed until 10/25. It was discussed and unanimously agreed to complete the spreading of gravel in the spring.
- **Monthly North Pine Area Hospital District (NPAHD).** Mike provided an update on hospital financials. At the last meeting, the question was asked about the equipment the district has purchased and how it is known whether it is still in the district and where it goes or what happens when it is pulled out of service.
- **Cemetery Update.** The pedestrian gate install is in process. Thank you to Bill Wagner and Jake Walton for brush mowing around the cemetery fence.
- **.gov email domain.** Options are being explored to create emails ending in .gov for the Townboard members.
- **Zoning (Shoreland).** Per Kelly Schroeder from Pine County, Ogema does not need to manage a shoreland ordinance to control VRBO permitting. DNR confirmed that they would defer to Ogema for a VRBO within shoreland areas. With the county managing the shoreland zoning, they will not approve permits for VRBO for Ogema Township. Ron motioned to allow the County to manage shoreland and for Ogema to not manage the shoreland ordinance. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.
- **Fire Contract update.** Discussion on the increased fire services contract from Swiss Township. The proposed increase in the 2025 rates will be challenging as the 2025 tax levies were set in March and sent to the County in September. A public hearing would need to be

called to increase the levies for 2025 and would need to be completed by Dec 27th. Charlie will contact Swiss township to understand options and setup a meeting time for the increased fire services.

I. **New Business**

- **Monthly Claim Sheets provided**
- **Mille Lacs Cell Tower.** The cell tower has already been erected in a different parcel than the original permit/variance was approved for. Bob has the new permit and is waiting for final signatures. Tentative public hearing date is set for December 9th, pending the final application and fee is received.
- **MN benefit association.** Changing from one provider to another.
- **Snow/Ice Contracts to be reviewed/Updated/Signed.** (Ron to coordinate)
- **Resolution for accepting donations.** Ron motioned to accept the donation of the clerk desk and chair. Charlie 2nd. Resolution approved.
- **Yearly Meeting Dates.** The dates were set and approved for 2025. Clerk to post on website and Town board.
- **Election Update.** The general election went smoothly, had two new election judges, no issues.
- **Emails and other correspondences**
- **Townhall seating.** Ron motioned to dispose of the bench located at the back of the townhall. Anne 2nd. Motion approved. Mike offered he and Becky would donate new chairs to the townhall. Ron motioned to dispose of half the chairs in the townhall. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.

J. **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Next **Town Board meeting** is December 12, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

K. **Adjournment.** Ron motioned for adjournment at 7:43 p.m. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.


Chair Supervisor Charlie Kramer

12-12-24
Date


Supervisor Ron Meehan

12/12/2024
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Supervisor Anne Haas

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Attest: 
Ogema Town Clerk

12/12/24
Date

