

Ogema Township

Town Board Meeting
November 9th, 2023

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 9th, 2023 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sarah Benson and Robert Sunstrom. Also present was Michael Waggoner.

Chairman Charles Kramer called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Agenda was approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

Open Forum / Citizens input – Clerk read prepared statement by him that explains the mishap with time and date of Jesse Oberts Variance Hearing. States that there needs to be better communication between members of the Town Board and with the Zoning Administrator of whom is doing what.

Clerk's report was not read. Computer issues with not allowing access.

The Treasurer's report was approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas showing a balance of \$25,015.22 in Checking as of November 1st, 2023 and a balance of \$4,481.46 in the Cemetery CD. Motion carried. Both voting, yes. Motion to pay the bills was approved by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes. There were 8 claims paid for the total amount of \$ 2,103.88, payroll of \$ 1,137.46, 2 Debit card payments of \$ 81.85 and 2 Auto payments of \$ 198.16

East Central Electric	# 5008	\$ 52.85	Town Hall electric
Pine County Auditor / Treasurer	# 5009	\$ 57.11	Parcell records
Couri and Ruppe, PLLP	# 5010	\$ 187.50	Call on variance question
Summerland Excavation, Inc.	# 5011	\$ 1,625.00	Grade roads
Michael Waggoner	# 5012	\$ 70.74	NPAHD mileage
Anne Haas	# 5013	\$ 32.09	Mileage
Robert Sunstrom	# 5014	\$ 45.85	Mileage
Sarah Benson	# 5015	\$ 32.74	Mileage
Board Member	# 5016	\$ 341.69	Wages / salary
Board Member	# 5017	\$ 147.76	Wages
Board Member	# 5018	\$ 133.91	Wages
Board Member	# 5019	\$ 55.41	Wages
Board Member	# 4666	\$ 458.69	Wages / salary

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Easy Keys. Com	2023-15DC	\$ 35.85	Purchase 5 keys
Pine County Recorder	2023-16DC	\$ 46.00	Record Variance
Centurylink.net	2023-25AP	\$ 140.15	Phone and internet
ADT Security	2023-26AP	\$ 58.01	Town hall security

Old Business

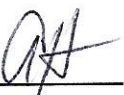
1. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave the road report. He states that on Rosebud Lane, the road ditch and culvert at Roger Kleis property needs attention for better drainage of township road. Culvert needs to be cleaned by owner. On Old Ferry Road there is a wash out at Carol Kings property. On North Alma Razor Road, better grading at s curve. On Barnes Spring Road, sink hole starting that will need rip-rap and gravel. On Blue Water Road there is many trees that need to be trimmed back from damage of winter storm. Tabled. Board still responding to FEMA for any updates on road damage.
2. NPAHD Representative, Michael Waggoner gave town board members hand outs with information he shared pertaining to yearly reports and also asked town board if they are willing to approve a recommendation of using Reserve Funds and investing in a CD to receive accumulated interest. On a 3-0 vote, town board approves this recommendation for Hospital District.
3. Grading at cemetery needs to be completed with more top soil to be added. Then new fence can be installed. Possibly remove stump before installing fence with a grinder.
4. Mailing labels for community paper have been given to Kolleen Schneider.
5. Joint Powers agreement has been returned with proper signatures.
6. Clerk asked if there was any further discussion from members attending Pine County Officers meeting. No input.
7. Any other old business.

New Business

1. Claim sheets were handed out to Town Board.
2. Clerk mentioned email sent out for file cabinet keys.
3. Clerk mentioned email sent out for agenda input.
4. Clerk mentioned date and time for the 2024 Local Board of Appeals. Also training online for Supervisors who need required certification.
5. Clerk asked for approval of 2024 Town Board Schedule. Clerk to post on town hall board and publish in local papers.
6. Resident e-mails or other correspondence. Clerk mentioned email sent by County Auditor, Kelly Schroeder, asking township if any interest in a new tabulator machine for upcoming election in March and November 2024. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, township to respond with a yes in this matter. Tabled.
7. Any other new business. Clerk read prepared statement that he wrote asking board to approve claim he is submitting for wages on fence removal at township cemetery. On a 3-0 vote this claim was denied because all labor and equipment costs were to be donated for this renovation work.

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Also Supervisor, Charles Kramer asked the Town Board if there was any thoughts of removing our snow and ice control policy. He handed out an example of Kanabec's County Snow Policy and wants to simplify our new one. Clerk to make a resolution to repeal the townships snow removal and ice control policy and to copy the Kanabec's Snow Policy for approval and adoption at our next meeting. Tabled.

- 8. Town Board miscellaneous mailings.

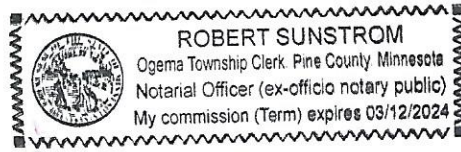
Next Town Board meeting on December 14th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.

On a motion by Anne Haas and second by Charles Kramer, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

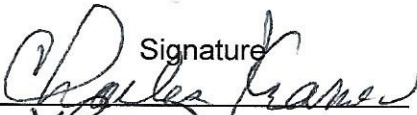

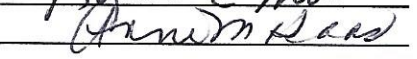
Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township



Charles Kramer, Chair
Ronald Meehan, Vice-chair
Anne Haas, Supervisor

Signature	Date
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