

Ogema Township
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 September 14th, 2023

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14th, 2023 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sarah Benson and Robert Sunstrom. Also present was NPAHD Representative, Michael Waggoner and resident, Patricia Sunstrom.

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

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

Open Forum / Citizens input – Clerk read letter submitted by resident, Michael Beaufeaux. Supervisors responded by saying, “It was a nicely written letter”.

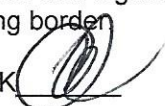
Clerk’s reports of July and Augusts Town Board meetings minutes were approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Clerk to file.

Treasurer’s report was approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas showing a balance of \$32,597.97 in Checking as of September 1st, 2023 and a balance of \$6,422.61 in Cemetery CD. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Motion to pay the bills was approved by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes. There were 3 claims paid for the total amount of \$300.64, payroll of \$2,157.91 and 2 auto pay for \$ 197.13.

East Central Electric	# 4985	\$ 110.69	Town Hall electric
Michael Waggoner	# 4986	\$ 106.11	Mileage
Ronald Meehan	# 4987	\$ 83.84	Mileage
Town Board member	# 4988	\$ 286.28	Wages / salary
Town Board member	# 4989	\$ 415.57	Wages / rd maint worker
Town Board member	# 4990	\$ 253.96	Wages / rd maint worker
Town Board member	# 4991	\$ 604.89	Wages / mow th and cem / rd maint
Town Board meber	# 4992	\$ 597.21	Salary / wages
CenturyLink	2023-20AP	\$ 139.12	Phone and internet
ADT Commercial	2023-21AP	\$ 58.01	Town Hall security

Old Business

- Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave a summary of the road report. All roads are in pretty good shape. Horseshoe Rd. culvert is buried again. Supervisor, Charles Kramer to contact Brad Rootkie about scheduling next year’s road ditch mowing and he will cancel tractor for this year’s ditch mowing. He also mentioned that grasses and brush around our road signs need to be cut back lo improve sight lines. Supervisors will start on grass and brush removal. He also mentioned what is happening with the FEMA paperwork that was submitted. Hopefully get a response back shortly. Contact person is Angela Butler. Tabled.
- NPAHD Representative, Michael Waggoner gave a brief summary of a prior meeting that Gateway Clinic in Hinckley will be closing. Essentia Health will be taking this in the year 2024. He mentioned the 2024 Budgets for Hospital District and that there was a large increase in the communication publication. Mentioned the median age in Pine County is 45.4 Years old. That 63% of population is 60+ and have health insurance. Need to get younger group involved with health care. Health care needs for Arlone, Clover and Ogema townships are lack of transportation not provided by to these outlying townships along border

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3. Supervisor, Anne Hass, asked if we could add AED and CPR training notice onto web site. Clerk to submit this to Town Web Design.
4. Supervisor, Anne Haas gave a noxious weed inspection report for township. Nothing mentioned. Clerk asked if there was a generic form provided anywhere for official use. Tabled.
5. Last cemetery pillar has now been painted. Walk through gate has to be installed. Cemetery signs and rules have been posted onto concrete pillars. Steven Benson to start dirt works phase of removal of sod and black dirt and then add fill dirt to level off area. Cemetery Committee and Supervisors commented that there was no need to have a Cemetery Clean Up Day this fall and wait until next spring for more improvements. Clerk mentioned he would contact Fencing contractor on timeframe he could work us in for installation of new fence. Tabled. It was determined that there would not be a Fall Harvest Dinner at town hall this year.
6. Clerk asked if there were any additions to the ARPA Fund list. Need for floor insulation under main building. Township received contractor quote for spray insulation. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan will contact Jesse Obert on his availability. Also finish countertop in main building.
7. Any other old business.

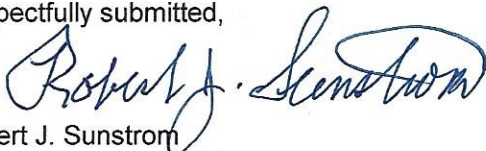
New Business

1. Town Board filled out claim sheets for next month.
2. Clerk read email asking if township would want all deposits from County to come direct deposits rather than check. It was agreed upon to this and the Treasurer filled out paperwork and Clerk to send into County Auditor.
3. Clerk read letter submitted by Attorney's Couri and Ruppe that there legal service fees will be increasing for the year 2024.
4. Clerk read insurance statement submitted by MATIT on new Property Appraisal Report value of the Town Hall.
5. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Anne Haas, Township to purchase 400 gallons of propane offered by Federated Co-Op pre-buy program for the amount of \$679.60. Also to purchase a \$75.00 Guaranteed Price Protection contract for the year. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
6. Clerk read email from MN Dept. of Revenue with certified 2024 township aid. This amount is \$2,525.00.
7. Clerk read 2024 Tax Levy Certification Statement that was approved by residents at the Annual Meeting Clerk to send into Auditors Office after signatures are signed.
8. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Charles Kramer the Township resigned the Joint Powers Agreement with the State, County and us. There were 3 signature pages to be signed and then submitted to the State of Minnesota. Clerk to fax these when signed.
9. Clerk read Hinckley Fall Fest flyer.
10. Clerk mentioned the email of misappropriation of funds written by an out source person that MAT has been accused of. Clerk forwarded this email to Supervisors to read.
11. Any other new business
12. E-mails or other correspondence.
13. Miscellaneous mailings were given or handed out.

Couri and Ruppe Legal Seminar on September 16th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Rutledge Town Hall
 Next Town Board meeting on October 12th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.


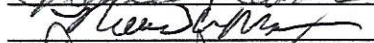
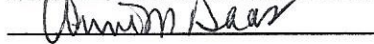
On a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
 Clerk, Ogema Township

Charles Kramer, Chair.
 Ronald Meehan, Vice.
 Anne Haas, Sup

Signature




Date
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