

Ogema Township
Regular Town Board Meeting
September 12th, 2019

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12th, 2019 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sharol Huggett and Robert Sunstrom. Also present were Michael McCullen, Duxbury Fire Chief and Wallace St. John, District 3 Representative from Mille Lacs Band.

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

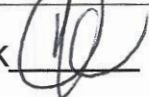
The Agenda was approved and/or corrected on a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

Open Forum / Citizens input – Michael McCullen, Duxbury Fire Chief gave a handout and reported the number of first response calls coming from Ogema Township and that they are looking for a contract and financial help with these calls. His examples were for the years 2016 -2019 to date. 106 total calls. 28 from Ogema and 78 from Lake Lena Reservation. Wallace St. John overheard this conversation. On a separate subject, Wallace St. John asked town board about renovation to driveway approach on Alma Razor Rd. to Crossroads Convenience store and if there could be a joint effort towards resolving the problem with depth of ditches and water flow through existing culvert pipes. He said that he has the funding for this project now and road could get asphalted from Hwy. 48 going south of first driveway.

Clerk's report was approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Clerk to file.

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 \$45,175.07 in Checking as of September 5th, 2019, a balance of \$6,038.16 in Cemetery CD and a balance of \$5.00 in Savings. 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 8 claims paid for the total amount of \$5,048.72 and payroll of \$1,396.15.

East Central Electric	# 4241	\$ 49.47	Town hall electric
Courri and Ruppe	# 4242	\$ 150.00	Legal fees
Pine County Treasurer	# 4243	\$ 2,557.50	Calcium Chloride application
Summerland Excavting, Inc.	# 4244	\$ 250.00	Grading
MATIT	# 4245	\$ 1,947.00	Consolidated Insurance
Ronald Meehan	# 4246	\$ 8.93	Lath for locations
Robert Sunstrom	# 4247	\$ 45.82	Mileage
Robert Sunstrom	# 4248	\$ 40.00	Tractor rental to remove items
Town Board member	# 4249	\$ 92.35	Wages
Town Board member	# 4250	\$ 230.87	Wages / salary
Town Board member	# 4251	\$ 50.79	Wages
Town Board member	# 4252	\$ 415..57	Wages / mowing
Town Board member	# 4253	\$ 607.20	Wages / salary / th worker

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Old Business

1. Clerk mentioned that a structure application was received but it was in wrong township.
2. Clerk shared information from Courri and Ruppe Legal Seminar he attended.
3. Board discussed driveway approach from MLB convenience store .It was determined that there needs to be more information given and talk with contractors about work schedules. Tabled.
4. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, the township will purchase a 10'x16' utility shed to be used to house miscellaneous items from Raymond Theilings pole barn into our shed for storage. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Treasurer and Clerk to transfer \$ 4,000.00 into fund for this purpose.
5. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan, gave a road report and said that there was 32 total loads of road gravel for spot grading. Should be complete sometime next week.
6. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, clerk to purchase 2 - "no smoking" signs to be located at two exist doors of town hall. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
7. Any other old business.

New Business

1. Clerk handed out claim sheets for Town Board.
2. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, Clerk and Treasurer to move first Town Aid deposit into Town Hall renovation fund as per electors request at 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
3. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, contractor to spray texture and knockdown of sheetrock walls in original building for a cost of \$450.00 to \$650.00. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
4. Town Board signed and updated W-4 Forms as required by law.
5. Clerk prepared 2019 Tax Levy Statement to send to County Auditor's office.
6. Clerk asked for input with board about the continuation of the grant application with USDA.
7. Clerk mentioned the new MATIT insurance quote for expiring policy.
8. Board discussed ditch mowing problems with getting vendor to sign off on a service contract agreement and fees charged. Clerk to contact again.
9. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, Township to purchase 200 gallons of propane on a Pre-buy program with Federated Co-op for town hall. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
10. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, the 2020 Town Board and Board of Audit meeting will be on February 6th rather than the 13th. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
11. Fall harvest pot-luck dinner at town hall on October 13th, 2019. All residents welcome.
12. Clerk and read e-mails and other correspondence.
13. Any other new business.
14. Clerk showed miscellaneous mailings.

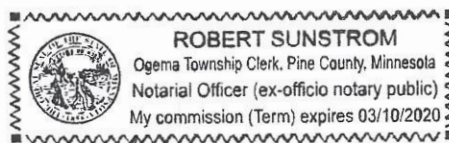
Next Town Board meeting on October 10th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.

On a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Sunstrom

Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township



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

Signature	Date
<u><i>Charles Kramer</i></u>	<u>10/10/19</u>
<u><i>Ronald Meehan</i></u>	<u>10/10/19</u>
<u><i>Anne Haas</i></u>	<u>10/10/19</u>