

Ogema Township

Regular Town Board Meeting
February 6th, 2021

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 6th, 2021 at the Ogema Town Hall. This meeting date was changed from February 4th, 2021 because of illness and weather conditions. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sharol Huggett and Robert Sunstrom. Also present was Michael Waggoner.

Chairman Charles Kramer called the meeting to order.

Open Forum / Citizens input - Michael Waggoner presented Town Board with a handout explaining the new Public Nuisance Ordinance that Arna Township approved and adopted. He had concerns and suggestions to Town Board about our zoning and to look to the future of how our permit system regulates the needs of our citizens. Possibly amending existing Zoning Ordinance which reflects problems arising in the years to come.

Clerk's report of the January 14th, 2021 Town Board meeting was read and 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 \$ 33,357.85 in Checking as of February 1st, 2021 and a balance of \$6,239.07 in the Cemetery CD and a balance of \$5.00 in Savings. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Motion to pay the bills was approved by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan. Motion carried. All voting, yes. There were 5 claims paid for the total amount of \$7,260.18 and payroll of \$ 949.06.

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| Summerland Excavating, Inc. | # 4503 | \$ 1,300.00 | Snow removal |
| NorthStar Media, Inc. | # 4504 | \$ 53.63 | Publish notice |
| Town of Swiss | # 4505 | \$ 5,775.00 | Fire dues |
| Robert Sunstrom | # 4506 | \$ 39.20 | Mileage |
| Robert Benson | # 4507 | \$ 46.17 | Measure grave sites |
| Board member | # 4508 | \$ 46.17 | Wages |
| Board member | # 4509 | \$ 300.14 | Salary / wages |
| Board member | # 4510 | \$ 101.58 | Wages |
| Board member | # 4511 | \$ 455.00 | Salary / wages |
| Board member | # 4512 | \$ 92.35 | Wages |

Old Business

1. Michael Waggoner gave a brief summary of his first meet with the North Pine Area Hospital District and asked for input from Board members of concerns that he may ask at next meeting in March. Members had concerns with the number of townships and cities whom contribute to this program and why there is not more in this group. Why not have all contribute when most townships or cities gets medical assistance from Essential Health. Concerns also with length of time from the 911 call to EMT's reaching location. Need better service and more options to house these mobile ambulances.

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2. Clerk mentioned that the township has a new cemetery excavator to assist in burials. Ryan Davis is willing to be this provider at a cost of \$650.00 for summer and \$750.00 for winter burials.
3. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave a brief summary of this month's road report. No major issues noted. Clerk to look into purchasing grate for culvert pipe at Alma Razor Rd. and Ojibwe Rd.
4. Clerk mentioned he had Annual Meeting notice published and gave town board his concerns about Annual Meeting and whether to recess and reconvene at a later date and time.
5. Clerk and Treasurer gave supervisors handouts that they had prepared for Annual Meeting for their review and recommendations. Clerk asked supervisors for their participation at meeting with these reports.
6. Any other old business. Treasurer read email from USDA Field Representative, Brett Repulske, about our grant issues. Brett said he is doing some of the paper work to help township and his outlook seems good. Will know more to give electors at Annual Meeting.

New Business

1. Claim sheets were handed out and signed
2. Clerk mentioned donation letters from Seven County Senior Federation, Family Pathways and Pine County Historical Society. Tabled and will be discussed with electors at annual meeting.
3. Clerk mentioned census boundaries from the Census Bureau and filled out paper work to be returned upon completion.
4. Clerk mentioned that the group life insurance policy is due next month.
5. Clerk mentioned he had received township election master list of eligible voters.
6. Clerk mentioned township received a rebate from Menards on past purchases that can be used later.
7. Any other new business. Clerk asked for town board if he could contact Jesse Obert on purchase of 2x4 crown molding for town hall in old building.
7. Clerks read e-mails.
8. Miscellaneous mailings were handed out.

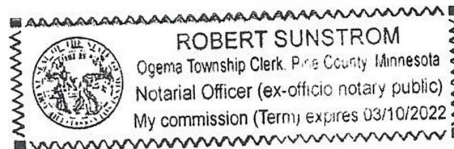
Township Election on March 9th, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
 Board of Canvas to follow Election at 8:05 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
 Annual Township meeting on March 9th, 2021 at 8:15 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
 Next Town Board meeting on March 11th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.

On a motion by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
 Clerk, Ogema Township



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

Signature


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