Ogema Township

Regular Town Board Meeting October 13th, 2022

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13th, 2022 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sarah Benson and Robert Sunstrom. Also present were residents Michael Waggoner and Bryan Massman

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 - None

Clerk reports of Informational meeting with Kyle Moorhead, President of HomeTown Fiber Optics and Supervisors was read and approved and /or corrected by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes. September Town Board meeting 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 \$ 42,279.13 in Checking as of October 1st, 2022 and a balance of \$ 6,347.07 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 11 claims paid for the total amount of \$ 9,786.23, payroll of \$2,023.85, 5 debit card expenses of \$ 401.94 and 1 auto pay expense of \$139.87.

Robert Sunstrom.	# 4825	\$ 143.00	Fuel reimbursement
Town Web Design	# 4826	\$ 519.00	Website domain renewal
ADT Commercial	# 4827	\$ 2,246.80	Town Hall security system
Diamond Willow Concrete	# 4828	\$ 2,000.00	Payment for pillars / cemetery
Minnesota Equipment	# 4829	\$ 4,000.00	Tractor rental / ditch mowing
Michael Waggoner	# 4830	\$ 62.72	Mileage
Robert Sunstrom	# 4831	\$ 48.16	Mileage
Anne Haas	# 4832	\$ 62.16	Mileage
Ronald Meehan	# 4833	\$ 17.92	Mileage
East Central Energy	# 4834	\$ 59.25	Town Hall electric
Federated Co-ops	# 4835	\$ 627.22	Propane pre-buy and contract
Town Board member	# 4836	\$ 286.28	Wages / salary
Town Board member	# 4837	\$ 147.76	Wages / town hall maint.
Town Board member	# 4838	\$ 133.91	Wages
Town Board member	\$ 4839	\$ 710.93	Wages / mowing
Town Board member	# 4840	\$ 744.97	Wages / salary / el. duties
Shell station	2022-17DC	\$ 152.89	Fuel for tractor
Shell station	2022-18DC	\$ 74.50	Fuel for tractor
Shell station	2022-19DC	\$ 85.35	Fuel for tractor
Shell station	2022-20DC	\$ 77.50	Fuel for tractor
Personnel Concepts	2022-21DC	\$ 11.70	OSHA posters
Centurylink	2022-14AP	\$ 139.87	Phone and Internet service

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Old Business

- Supervisor, Ronald Meehan, gave his monthly road report. Clerk again gave his dissatisfaction with gravel on Alma Razor South and commented on ditch at Roger Kleis property on RoseBud Lane. Both Ronald Meehan and Charles Kramer have said they have tried to contact Craig Summerland.
- 2. Clerk mentioned the rules of how the township may spend the ARPA Funds and asked for input of possible items the township can purchase with these sources. Tabled.
- 3. North Pine Area Hospital Representative, Michael Waggoner, gave handouts to town board members of Balance sheets provided by NPAHD. Provided board with dedicated NPAHD levies from our township and what percentage we as residents pay into them with our Pine County Taxes. Gave board an executive summary statement for the month of August. Mentioned that there is on-going discussion with Essentia Health and a Wisconsin firm whom may be willing to merge or purchase.
- Concrete pillars are complete in cemetery and next item needing attention is installation of gates. Will
 wait until next spring with road installation and delivery of black topsoil dirt for maintenance around
 headstones. Tabled.
- Chairperson, Charles Kramer, commented on letter sent to St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and read response email from Mark Denker, Facility Manager for the National Park Service This pertains to Old Ferry Road, 410' west of river onto township road. Clerk to contact Mark and set up informational meet with Supervisors. Tabled
- 6. Clerk mentioned that township purchased propane from Federated Co-ops and received a guaranteed price contract if needing more at a future date.
- 7. Any other old business.

New Business

- Clerk handed out claim sheets for next month's meeting.
- 2. Clerk showed town board the road certification paperwork prepared and asked for approval. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, Town Board approved road certification. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Clerk to mail to Mark Lebrun.
- Clerk read through contract proposal from Hometown Fiber Optics and Town Board discussed issues
 pertaining to future broadband installation. Clerk will contact Hometown Fiber Optics for more
 information available for further discussion. Tabled.
- 4. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, newly appointed Treasurer, Sarah Benson will attend a training class for year- end financial processing and any other related for our CTAS program. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
- 5. Clerk mentioned he had sent a ST-3 tax exempt form to ADT securities for installation charges and all reoccurring monthly fees.
- 6. Clerk read District 7 update from MAT pertaining to election for new Representative.
- 7. Any Board Member can attend the Pine County Officers Meeting.
- 8. Fall Harvest Potluck Dinner set for October 15th, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m.
- 9. Any other new business. Clerk mentioned that Plunkett Pest Control sprayed around town hall doors and windows perimeters for beetles. Thanks Much!
- Clerk read e-mails or other correspondence.
- Clerk showed miscellaneous mailing.

Pine County Officers meeting on October 22^{rd} , 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at Hinckley Community Center Next Town Board meeting on November 10^{th} , 2022 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Sunstrom Clerk, Ogema Township ROBERT SUNSTROM
Ogema Township Clerk. Pine County. Minnesota
Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public)
My commission (Term) expires 03/12/2024

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

Date

11/10/2022