

Ogema Township

Town Board Meeting

December 8th, 2022

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th, 2022 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas and Sarah Benson. Robert Sunstrom was absent. Also present were township residents Michael and Rebecca Waggoner, Patrick and Mary Kester, Kathleen Kramer, Kolleen Schneider and Anthony Wells.

These minutes are being written by notes that were taken at this meeting.

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.

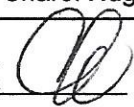
Open Forum / Citizens input – Township invited Pine County Sheriff, Jeffrey Nelson, to come and answer questions from residents about their concerns in our community. Questions asked were response time from Sheriff's Dept. to our township. He had not response for it. There are 4 police vehicles in county most of the time with 6-8 if needed. County Sheriff also has relationships with the MN. DNR., MN. State Patrol and Tribal police. Question: Is there any way to look up what's happening in our area? Answer: There isn't any technology right now. Question: What about drug enforcement in County? Answer: The number one issue is Methamphetamine, Opioid and Fentanyl use. There were a couple of arrests this past summer that led back to Mexico. Drug task force is working with surrounding counties over these issues. Sheriff's Dept. has a good working relationship with Hinckley Grand Casino. Question: Is there a Neighborhood Watch Group? Answer: This is no longer promoted and Facebook or other text groups can be helpful with this. Question; What about nuisances? Answer: Sheriff Dept. will pursue public incidents but not to personal incidents. Sheriff said to call them with any specifics or questions.

Clerk report was not read because he was absent.

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 \$46,428.03 in Checking as of December 1st, 2022 and a balance of \$6,362.27 in the 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 6 claims paid for the total amount of \$ 794.23, payroll of \$1,145.75, 5 debit card payments of \$ 496.14 and 1 auto pay payment of \$ 106.63.

East Central Electric	# 4861	\$ 58.66	Town hall electric
MATIT	# 4862	\$ 471.00	Worker's Comp. insurance
Michael Waggoner	# 4863	\$ 62.72	Mileage
Robert Sunstrom	# 4864	\$ 9.28	Mileage
Sarah Benson	# 4865	\$ 134.56	Mileage
ADT Commercial	# 4866	\$ 58.01	Service charges
Anne Haas	# 4867	\$ 18.00	Election judges
Sharol Huggett	# 4868	\$ 18.00	Election judges

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Town Board	# 4869	\$ 434.04	Wages / salary
Town Board	# 4870	\$ 92.35	Wages
Town Board	# 4871	\$ 60.03	Wages
Town Board	# 4872	\$ 55.41	Wages
Town Board	# 4873	\$ 467.92	Wages / salary
Brother International	2022-24DC	\$ 158.09	Ink cart. and drum - treasurer
Office Depot	2022-25DC	\$ 50.46	Printer paper-treasurer
Norton Lifelock	2022-26DC	\$ 42.94	Computer antivirus - clerk
Amazon	2022-27DC	\$ 184.65	Safety equip. – road maint.
USPS	2022-28DC	\$ 60.00	Roll of stamps
Centurylink	2022-17AP	\$ 106.63	Phone and internet

Old Business

1. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave the monthly road report. No roadwork during winter, just plow snow. Ronald Meehan to contact both Summerland Excavation and Hopkin's Sand and Gravel for snowplowing and sand / salt contract prices. Clerk to prepare contracts when he receives this information. Culverts on Horseshoe Rd. overflowed and were under water for a few days. Need to address this and find resolution to problems. Tabled.
2. NPAHD Representative, Michael Waggoner, gave an update and said that there were no background checks on scholarship applicants.
3. No update on cemetery issues.
4. No update on ARPA issues.
5. Any other old business.

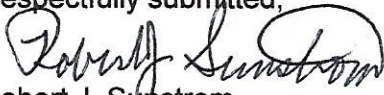
New Business

1. Claim sheets for next month were handed out.
2. "Celebration of Life Service" for Suzanne Whitaker was read.
3. Resident e-mails or other correspondence
4. Any other new business.
5. Miscellaneous mailings to Supervisors.

Next Town Board meeting on January 12th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.



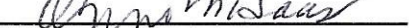
On a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township

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

Signature	Date
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