

Ogema Township
 Regular Town Board Meeting
 August 12th, 2021

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12th, 2021 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sharol Huggett and Robert Sunstrom. Also present were Bryan Saiko, Heidi Saiko, Steven Benson, Jon Benson and Michael Waggoner.

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 – Brian and Heidi Saiko asked the Town Board what if anything can be done with the speed of traffic, dust control, and grading the wash board on Old Ferry road. Also concerns are residents or visitors walking the road with their pets, Parduns Canoe and Tube Rental employees not being considerate of pedestrians and atv's running all over the place. Can there be speed limit signs. Does Pardun's Canoe and Tube rental have a permit to use this side of river and access. Employee of Pardun's getting into a private vehicle and moving it out of way so their short bus and trailer could be emptied out with tubers and gear. Much disrespect not being displayed by Pardun's drivers. Brian has on many occasions asked them to be respectful of all users of road. Town Board to send letter to Pardun's with these concerns. Tabled.

Clerk's report was approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas for the July 10th, 2021 Town Board meeting. 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 \$ 53,617.62 in Checking as of August 1st, 2021, a balance of \$ 6,272.27 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 12 claims paid for the total amount of \$8,273.02 and payroll of \$1,363.26.

Ronald Meehan	# 4611	\$ 200.00	Payment for scaffold
Northview Bank	# 4612	\$ 5,015.94	CID payment
East Central Electric.	# 4613	\$ 56.35	Town hall
MATIT	# 4614	\$ 1,956.00	Consolidated insurance
Pine County Treasurer	# 4615	\$ 3,208.00	Assessing fees
Summerland Excating. Inc.	# 4616	\$ 1,200.00	Grade roads
Courri and Ruppe, PLLP	# 4617	\$ 1,125.00.	Legal fees
Michael Waggoner	# 4618	\$ 32.48	Mileage

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Robert Sunstrom	# 4619	\$ 112.00	Mileage
Federated Co-Ops	# 4620	\$ 480.17	Propane
A-Z Millwork	# 4621	\$ 78.38	Lumber for town hall
Sharol Huggett	# 4622	\$ 24.64	Mileage
Robert Brewster	# 4623	\$ 58.18	Wages / ZA
Town Board Member	# 4624	\$ 207.79	Wages / worker
Town Board Member	# 4625	\$ 300.14	Wages / salary
Town Board Member	# 4626	\$ 50.79	Wages
Town Board Member	# 4627	\$ 46.17	Wages
Town Board Member	# 4628	\$ 700.19	Wages / salary / worker

Old Business

1. Clerk read response letter submitted by Jerry Mowing that he is not interested in mowing ditches for township a second time and we should find another vendor. Supervisor, Charles Kramer will contact Brad Rootkie and see if his company would be interested in mowing ditches. Tabled.
2. Clerk told Town Board that Rose Bud Lane will not be sprayed with calcium chloride because vendor has increased his price and Hopkin's Sand and Gravel is not interested in paying the extra amount. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan will contact Rick Hopkins and ask him if they are interested in grading/plowing township roads on a regular basis or as needed. Tabled.
3. Michael Waggoner read letter he wrote on his thoughts about regulations proposed for Bang's Brook Cemetery. Comments made were that there are too many restrictions. Plots are real estate and existing covenants should be grandfathered in and not subject to new rules. Lot owners Internment and disinternment rights. Placement of flowers, baskets, planters, trees and shrubs. Cemetery maintenance and perpetual care.
4. NPAHD Representative, Michael Waggoner mentioned that North Memorial is interested in adding 3 ambulance units into Burnett County and 1 could be stationed at the Danbury Fire Hall. He also went through the mailing of Hospital District and discussed these issues.
5. Treasurer, Sharol Huggett, explained the ARPA Fund application process and Chairperson, Charles Kramer, needs to sign off on and township then can submit this paperwork to MAT. Township may receive up to approximately \$40,000.00. Tabled.
6. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave the road report and mentions that Summerland Excavation is going to start sending the loads of gravel that we requested for our yearly road maintenance work. Also mentions road signs that were vandalized. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, clerk to order signs needed to have replaced. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

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7. Chairperson, Charles Kramer, read letter prepared by our township attorney to be sent to Mille Lacs Band Convenience Store for township concerns about driveway approach onto our road. Upon approval by the Town Board of Supervisors with a 3-0 vote the letter was approved. Clerk to email attorney on approval with letter to be sent.
8. Clerk mentioned web-site is up and running. Town Board should log on to give feedback on any needed changes.
9. Any other old business.

New Business

1. Town Board filled out claim sheet.
2. Next month's meeting date will be changed from October 14th, to October 7th, 2021.
3. Clerk mentioned the 2022 Township Aid will be in the amount of \$ 2,796.00.
4. Clerk mentioned that Township received the Consolidated Insurance Policy from MATIT.
5. Michael Beaufeaux has asked for permission to rent the town hall and hold a Celebration of Life gathering for Dianne Beaufeaux on September 4th, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clerk to contact him to fill out application.
6. Clerk read resident e-mails and other correspondence.
7. Any other new business.
8. Clerk handed out miscellaneous mailings.

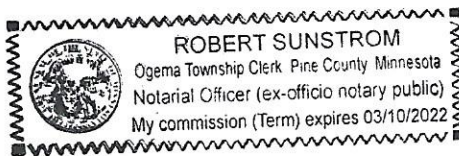
Next Town Board meeting on September 9th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
 Legal Seminar on September 25th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. In Rutledge.

On a motion by Anne Haas and second by Charles Kramer, meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
 Clerk, Ogema Township



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

Signature
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