

Ogema Township

Regular Town Board Meeting
February 6th, 2020

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6th, 2020 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sharol Huggett and Robert Sunstrom. Also present were Robert Brewster, Monte Fronk and Michael McCullen.

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

Agenda item added in reference to unpaid check to Central Lumber Co. Agenda was approved on a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

Open Forum / Citizens input - Township Board of Supervisors, Monte Fronk from Mille Lacs Band as a Safety Coordinator and Michael McCullen, Duxbury Fire Chief, discussed further issues with emergency first responders and an agreement with Duxbury and the Town of Ogema. Township attorney, Robert Ruppe prepared a contract agreement that represent the needs of township. Michael McCullen asked for a specific amount of possibly \$1,500.00 to help offset their costs for medical calls, equipment and possible pensions for ems workers. Monte Fronk mentioned that they would be willing to contribute half of this amount for residents on the reservation lands where most of the 911 calls come in from. Supervisors mentioned that this needs to be brought to the attention for electors at the townships Annual Meeting. Also mentioned that Pine County is looking to expand on their Mutual Aid program and Adam Gray from Essentia Health is checking on possibly having an EMT unit brought into Danbury Fire Dept. and Town of Swiss to be used for both Pine County and Swiss Township, Burnett County. This may take 2 years to implement plan. Our township could use an Ems volunteer and there is grant money for this purpose. Monte also mentioned that he is a certified medical response person and that he trains volunteers and has a 4 hour course for \$10.00 that certifies people in CPR and other medical issues. Tabled. There is a helicopter at Siren Airport 24/7 now for medical transportation.

Clerk's report of 12-5-19, 12-12-19 Town Board meeting and 2-6-20 BOA meeting minutes were approved and/or corrected on a motions 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 Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan showing a balance of \$ 37,318.55 in Checking as of February 1st, 2020 and a balance of \$6,071.37 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 14 claims paid for the total amount of \$3,892.50 and payroll of \$ 1,686.16.

East Central Energy	# 4136	\$ 58.87	Town hall electric
CenturyLink	# 4137	\$ 85.52	Town hall telephone
Couri and Ruppe	# 4138	\$ 190.00	Legal fees
Hopkins Sand and Gravel	# 4139	\$ 1,062.77	Sand and salt roads
Pine County Auditor-Treasurer	# 4140	\$ 62.93	Assessing
Dianne Beaufeaux	# 4141	\$ 33.52	Curtain rods and drapes for town hall
Robert Sunstrom	# 4142	\$ 238.48	Mileage

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Moose Lake /Star Gazette	# 4143	\$ 48.75	Publish notice
Sandra O'Reilly	# 4144	\$ 60.00	Election judge duties
Kathleen Kramer	# 4145	\$ 120.00	Election judge duties
Nancy Filip	# 4146	\$ 120.00	Election judge duties
Anne Haas	# 4147	\$ 60.00	Election judge duties
Summerland Excavation Inc.	# 4148	\$ 1,710.00	Ice and snow removal
Sharol Huggett	# 4155	\$ 41.76	Mileage
Dianne Beaufaux	# 4149	\$ 312.00	Election judge duties
Sharol Huggett	# 4150	\$ 198.55	Wages / salary / election judge duties
Charles Kramer	# 4151	\$ 83.11	Wages
Ronald Meehan	# 4152	\$ 83.11	Wages
Robert Sunstrom	# 4153	\$ 761.89	Wages / salary / election duties
Raymond Thileing	# 4154	\$ 92.35	Wages

Old Business

1. Zoning Administrator, Robert Brewster read an application given by Jesse Obert for a Variance. It was determined that this permit would be changed to an Interim use Permit because of the Class B Home Occupation Use. Applicant wants to have a mill works, sawmill and kiln drying process on his said property. Town Board Supervisor's gave Planning Commission approval to hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 24th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. if date and time works for the applicant and commission. Tabled.
2. No road report given.
3. Treasurer spoke of conversation she had with USDA Field Representative, Brett Repulske, about grant issues. Brett is doing some of the paper work to help township with this.
4. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, Treasurer to move \$1,100.00 from Citizens Fund Raiser to Town Hall Renovation Fund to pay for installation labor costs of flooring, cabinets and countertop. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
5. Any other old business.

New Business

1. Claim sheets were handed out.
2. Clerk mentioned donation letters from Seven County Senior Federation, Family Pathways and Pine County Historical Society. 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. Treasurer and Clerk shared reports to be given to electors at annual meeting for their review and recommendations to Supervisors.
5. Treasurer mentioned the check given to Central Lumber for the amount of \$850.00 has not been processed through bank. Will wait the 90 day period and re-issue another if not received at bank.
6. Any other new business.
7. Clerks read e-mails.
8. Miscellaneous mailings were handed out.

Township Election on March 10th, 2020 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 10th, 2020 at 8:15 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
Next Town Board meeting on March 19th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township

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

Signature	Date
<u>Charles Kramer</u>	<u>3-19-20</u>
<u>Ronald Meehan</u>	<u>3/19/2020</u>
<u>Anne Haas</u>	<u>3/19/2020</u>