

Ogema Township

Regular Town Board Meeting

June 11th, 2020

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11th, 2020 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan Jr., Anne Haas, Sharol Huggett and Robert Sunstrom. Also present were Patrick Kester, Mary Kester, Nicolas Kester, Jesse Obert Traci Neidum and Robert Brewster.

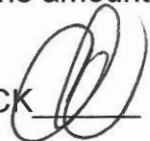
Chairman Charles Kramer called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 – A letter was read that was written by Patrick Kester. In his letter he had concerns in language or verbiage of the Townships Zoning Ordinance and how this is written regarding certain words and how they are interpreted. Different words could possibly be same or similar in their use. That the property owners in township are aging and that we should promote younger generations to move into township with business and job opportunities. Patrick felt that the "Finding of Facts" and "Conditions of Operations" are to restrictive for what is going on with Jesse Oberts property being run as a wood mill and kiln drying operation. Patrick had concerns with number of employees and how that could affect with reapplying for a Conditional Use Permit. Patrick wanted to know how it is determined who is notified of a Public Hearing and whom may speak or have letters or e-mails read. Clerk explained about the State Statue which regulates this. After much discussion, Patrick asked Town Board of what should he do next to satisfy all. Basically, Town Board said to apply for a Conditional Use Permit. Clerk did not type these words verbatim, but highlighted conversation. Town Board will discuss this later in the meeting. Tabled.

Clerk's reports were 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 second by Anne Haas showing a balance of \$21,282.02 in Checking as of June 1st, 2020, a balance of \$6,137.87 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 5 claims paid for the amount of \$ 2,449.88 and payroll of \$ 863.17.

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East Central Electric	# 4382	\$ 53.70	Town Hall electric
NorthStar Media Inc.	# 4383	\$ 22.83	Public notice
Summerland Excavating, Inc.	# 4384	\$ 2,340.00	Work on culvert / grade rds.
Ronald Meehan	# 4385	\$ 19.55	Mileage for road review
Robert Sunstrom	# 4386	\$ 13.80	Mileage for EMR agreement
Town Board member	# 4387	\$ 253.96	Wages / salary
Town Board member	# 4388	\$ 50.79	Wages
Town Board member	# 4389	\$ 92.35	Wages
Town Board member	# 4390	\$ 466.07	Wages / salary / training

Old Business

1. Clerk read RE-Organization Resolutions for Town Board members doing extra work for township. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Anne Haas, Ronald Meehan to mow cemetery and town hall. Motion carried. Both voting, yes with Ronald Meehan abstain. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas as town road and hall maintenance worker. Motion carried. Both voting, yes and Anne Haas abstain. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Charles Kramer, Robert Sunstrom as town road and hall maintenance worker. Motion carried. All voting, yes. On a motion made by Anne Haas and second by Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan as town road and hall maintenance worker. Motion carried. Both voting, yes and Ronald Meehan abstain. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, Robert Sunstrom to mow cemetery and town hall if Ronald Meehan cannot. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
2. Clerk read road review recommendations from Ronald Meehan. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Anne Haas, recommendations were approved. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Township to hold a Public Hearing on July 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and hear testimony from residents certain township roads on brush removal and ditch mowing within our township boundaries. Clerk to post and publish notice. Also send out post card notifications to these property owners. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, Clerk to purchase a trash picker wand for garbage on township roads. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
3. Discussed cemetery issues of security lock on main gate, planted flowers around gravesites, dead or dying trees or brush, signage on main gate and planter holders. Town Board would like to have a meeting with gravesite owners or their relatives about these issues. Make mowing of grass around gravesites easier. Township to propose new regulations and will try and do their best in contacting these individuals for a meeting. Clerk will update this information at a future date to web-site.
4. Hopkins Sand and Gravel is requesting township to write letter to Pine County Public Works in helping them in getting Rose Bud Lane sprayed with calcium-chloride again this year. Clerk to follow up with letter and phone calls to make this possible.
5. Clerk mentioned that he had contacted Monte Fronk, Mille Lacs Band Safety Director about the reimbursement for Emergency Responders that Ogema Township paid to Wilma Township on behalf of the Duxbury Fire Department. He could not commit to time frame of reimbursement.

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6. Clerk read Jesse Oberts reply letter in regards to Township letter written to him about added costs to his Interim Use Permit. Supervisor's asked if township had proper documentation to these costs and Clerk said he had made another tally of all costs and these were accurate. Supervisor's asked Clerk to send Jesse an itemized break down of costs with a secondary letter. Tabled.
7. Any other old business.

New Business

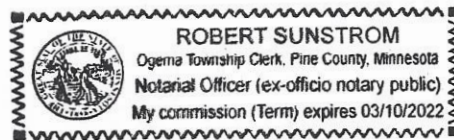
1. Clerk handed out claim sheets.
2. Clerk read the new listing for the State Demographic totals. April 2019 Township population is 342 and households are 132.
3. Clerk handed out the MAT membership discount cards.
4. Received Certification of Liability forms from Double W Tree Service and ST. Croix River Resort.
5. Clerk mentioned St. Croix River bridge project commencing in 2021 by WI. DOT.
6. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, Clerk to purchase a sign for cemetery, a sign for Rose Bud Lane and a sign for Horse shoe Rd. from M-R Signs
7. Any other new business
8. Resident e-mails or other correspondence.
9. Clerk read miscellaneous mailings.

Next regular Town Board meeting on July 9th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Ogema town hall.

On a motion by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township



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

Signature	Date
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