

Ogema Township

Regular Town Board Meeting
April 8th, 2021

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting remotely at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8th, 2021. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sharol Huggett and Robert Sunstrom. Also present were Zoning Administrator, Robert Brewster, North Pine Area Hospital District Representative, Michael Waggoner, Guest Speakers from North Pine Area Hospital District, William Olson and Ronald Osladil, residents, Roger and Patricia Kleis, and Patricia Sunstrom.

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; guest speakers are not present yet. Patricia Kleis commented to Board that she is thankful to each of us for doing a great job for township.

The Clerks report was approved and/or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

The Treasurers Report was approved and /or corrected on a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas showing a balance of \$ 32,853.11 in Checking as of April 4th, 2021, a balance of \$ 6,239.07 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 Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas. Motion carried. All voting, yes. There were 11 claims paid for the total amount of \$ 4,830.69 and payroll of \$ 1,180.85.

Seven County Senior Federation	# 4526	\$ 250.00	2021 donation
Family Pathways	# 4527	\$ 300.00	2021 donation
Pine County Historical Society	# 4528	\$ 250.00	2021 donation
East Central Electric	# 4529	\$ 65.11	Town hall electric
Summerland Excavating, Inc.	# 4530	\$ 1,850.00	Plow roads
NorthStar Media, Inc.	# 4531	\$ 75.75	Pub. notice, subscription
Michael Waggoner	# 4532	\$ 32.48	Mileage
Federated Co-op	# 4533	\$ 377.35	Propane
Duxbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	# 4534	\$ 1,500.00	EMR volunteers
Robert Sunstrom	# 4535	\$ 40.00	Tractor rental
Troy Petry	# 4536	\$ 90.00	Internet services

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Board Member	# 4537	\$ 138.52	Wages
Board Member	# 4538	\$ 253.96	Wages / salary
Board Member	# 4539	\$ 101.58	Wages
Board Member	# 4540	\$ 138.52	Wages
Board Member	# 4541	\$ 548.27	Wages/salary/maint. work

William Olson and Ronald Osladil were asked questions pertaining to the service our township receives from the North Pine Area Hospital District. Residents have many concerns over lack of service provided and cost of township taxes paid to the District. Why are not all Pine County Townships and Cities required to pay their fair share when all are given ambulance and EMR services. There are many concerns about length of time we get ambulance service into our township. There needs to be more than 3 ambulances on at all times. What does our annual contribution of \$10,000.00 or \$320,000.00 given to this organization from our enrollment from 1989 to NPAHD give us in return. How are grant monies approved for distribution and who approves. These are a few of the concerns brought forward to William and Ronald. They said that they would look into concerns and get back to township with information. Tabled.

Zoning Administrator, Robert Brewster, gave Board of Supervisors an update on the permit application for Custom Portable Docks. He stated he had a conversation with township attorney, Robert Ruppe and has determined that an Interim Use Permit is required. He then read prepared letter to Board of Supervisors that he will send onto Patrick Kester. Board members approved. Tabled.

Old Business

1. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave a summary of the last road report. Roads need lots of gravel and screen on culvert at Alma Razor and Ojibwe Rd. needs to be placed for beaver animal control. Trapper has removed 5 beavers so far.
2. Clerk mentioned that WI Dept. of Transportation will be working on ST. Croix river bridge coming up in June 2021.
3. Clerk will finish up officers list and send into MAT.
4. Treasurer summarized letter sent by Brett Repulske and Board discussed any other issues pertaining to USDA Grant for the town hall. GREAT NEWS!
5. Chairperson, Charles Kramer, read EMR agreement with the Duxbury Volunteer Fire Dept. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, the 2021 EMR Agreement was approved and adopted. Motion carried. All voting, yes. Clerk to send to Duxbury Town Board. Chairperson read Fire Contract with Danbury Fire Dept. for years 2022 through 2024. Cost will remain the same per year, \$ 5,775.00. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, contract was approved and adopted. Motion carried. All voting, yes.
6. Clerk mentioned that he had gotten a quote for area rugs in town hall. Cintas provided this. Two rugs have been approved prior to this meeting. 1-3'x19' and 1-4'x8'. Looking to add two more rugs. 1-3'x10' and 1-3'x5' in new addition. Also purchase from Jesse Obert, 2x4-8' boards for crown molding and tree slab for township sign on town hall.
7. Any other old business.

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New Business

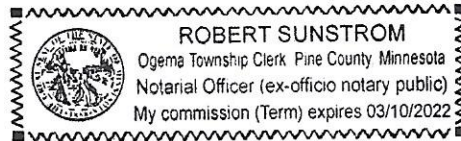
1. Clerk handed out claim sheets.
2. Board of Equalization on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Ogema town hall by telephone conference call with Supervisors Anne Haas and Ronald Meehan being present and Pine County Assessors on the phones.
3. Board Supervisors set a date of May 7th, 2021 and time of 10:00 a.m. for the Annual road Review. Starting at the town hall.
4. Clerk mentioned he had gone to the Pine County Officers meeting and will give updates at next board meeting.
5. Clerk mentioned he had received two headstones to be placed in township cemetery for Larry, Judy and Kevin Atkinson grave sites. Cemetery maintenance workers will provide this work. Also 3 vases were left at town hall for these headstones.
6. Clerk to set possible meet date for Board of Supervisors and Cemetery Committee to look over proposed rules, regulations and fee schedules to be used at township cemetery.
7. Next Town Board meeting on May 13th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
8. Any other new business.
9. Read e-mails.
10. Miscellaneous mailings.

On a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.


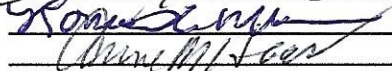

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township



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

Signature	Date
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