

Ogema Township
 Town Board Meeting MINUTES
 May 9, 2024

Board members attending: Chairman Charlie Kramer, Supervisor Anne Haas, Supervisor Ron Meehan, Treasurer Sarah Benson, Clerk Bryan Massman

Others attending: Bob Brewster, Kathi Kramer, Kolleen Schneider, Becky Waggoner, Mike Waggoner

- A. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kramer followed by the
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- C. **Approval of Agenda.** Ron Meehan motioned to approve the agenda. Anne 2nd. Approved.
- D. **Approval of Minutes.** Ron motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.
- E. **Public Comment:** None
- F. **Treasury Report.** The treasurer stated that the CD is coming due for renewal. The renewal will be for 12 months at 4%. Chair Kramer motioned to leave the CD as is currently. Ron 2nd. Motion approved. Signature card has been updated at Northview bank.
- G. **Approval of Claims.** Claims were reviewed and approved for payment. Ron motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.

Vendor	Claim #	Amount	Notes
Summerland Excavating Inc	5103	\$3087.50	Snowplow/grading/beaver trap
MAT	5104	\$450	Spring short course in Duluth
Robert Brewster	5105	\$53.20	Milage Oestreich permit
Bryan Massman	5106	\$805.60	Scanner/office keys/voice
Ron Meehan	5107	\$40.37	Road review milage
Michael Waggoner	5018	\$35.91	Milage to NPAHD meeting
Creek Enterprise Inc	5109	\$1000	Return security deposit 9/18
Town board Member	5010	\$55.41	Wages
Town board Member	5011	\$92.35	Wages
Town board Member	5012	\$743.32	Wages
Town board Member	5013	\$193.93	Wages
Town board Member	5014	\$184.70	Wages
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UPSP	9DC	\$2.00	Postage
Certificate of Deposit	IAD144	\$44.52	Purchase of investments
ADT Commercial	17AP	\$63.22	Townhall security
Centurylink	18AP	\$139.82	Townhall phone and internet

East Central Energy	19AP	\$75.37	Townhall electric
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- Clerk has submitted a PNP grant application for approximately \$2000 to cover the expenses for the primary election.
- Scott and Leanne Grimstad donated their absentee ballot reimbursement check back to the township.

H. Old Business

- **Monthly Road Review**
 - Ron reported grading was done 5/8/24 and all roads are looking great, except for Alma Razor. There is some "clumping" on S. Alma Razor. Ron will ask Craig Summerland to take a look at. There is an issue with some trees on Sky Blue Water Road are on the owner's property that go to the right-of-way. There is quite a bit of garbage on N. Alma Razor. Dirt is needed on N. Alma Razor. High water level on Horseshoe resolved after two beavers were removed.
 - Road review date will be Thursday, May 16. Meet at the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.
- **Resolutions from April meeting:** The following resolutions were approved:
 - Resolution 2024-5 Town Hall maintenance worker
 - Resolution 2024-6 Ditch mowing worker
 - Resolution 2024-7 Cemetery and Town Hall mowing
 - Resolution 2024-8 Townhall/ ditch mowing worker
 - Resolution 2024-9 Election judge pay
 - Resolution 2024-10 Beaver removal backup
 - Resolution 2024-11 Repeal acceptance of speaker donation
- **Pine County Historical Society.** Chair Kramer reported that there is no limit to the amount of information they will store. An appointment needs to be made when dropping items off.
- **Monthly North Pine Area Hospital District (NPAHD).** NPAHD is attempting to address the issue of emergency medical services. New applications for EMT training are being accepted. A list is available of those who have completed training who received loans from NPAHD. CPR training is available at Pine Tech and Red Cross CPR training is available online for \$37. Financial report available. Mike posed the question to the District about tax dollars being spent to support abortions for minors, gender manipulation and puberty blockers. No answers were forthcoming. Sam Barney, Essentia Sandstone/Moose Lake Hospital Administrator, could be invited to a township board meeting to answer any questions you have.
- **Training/Meeting update from Bob Brewster.** Bob suggested there were three possible ways to manage the shoreland ordinance. The Planning Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd and bring their recommendation to the next Township Board meeting.
- **Locking mailbox** has been installed
- **Disposal of electronics.** Three printers and one keyboard were taken to Pine County Waste Commission for recycling.

- **Township Physical Records retention.** Chair Kramer motioned to retain physical records prior to 1990 for historical purposes. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.
- **Transfer of documents** and Township property from outgoing Clerk. Documents from early 2024 have not been located. Unable to contact former clerk. Chair Kramer motioned to send certified letter requesting missing documents and equipment. Ron 2nd. Motion approved.
- **The April 24th, Board of Equalization Meeting was held.** Present were Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas and Mike Wagoneer. The Pine County Assessor's office members in attendance were Lorri Houtsma, Karen Stumme, and Jason Knutson. There was one resident from Ogema Township, Doug Stanger.

I. New Business

- **Monthly Claim Sheets**
- **Ditch mowing.** 2024 contract is needed. Chair Kramer to coordinate. Mowing to start the end of June.
- **Cemetery topics.** Mike Waggoner stated that a thank you is in order to Jon and Steve Benson for doing the seeding. He will reach out to Kester's for an update on the gates.
- **Noxious weeds.** After a road and ditch inspection, no noxious weeds are growing at this time. Supervisor Haas will provide a list of weeds and how to control them. Clerk to update website.
- **Disposal of Township articles.** Old cemetery fencing to be given away.
- **Township Posting Board.** The posting board has been repaired, but it is leaking. A new one would cost about \$167. Chair Kramer motioned for Ron to purchase a new positing board. Ron 2nd. Motion approved.
- **Planning commission resolutions:**
 - Committee update. Contacted current members, and one member has moved out of the township, creating a vacancy.
 - Ron motioned to fill the vacancy with Kolleen Schneider. Charlie 2nd. Motion approved.
 - 2024 pay rate - \$60/hr for Planning Administrator; \$55/hr. for committee members.
 - Frequency of meetings –The committee will meet one meeting per year or on a “as needed” basis. Decision on annual meeting dates was tabled until June.
- **Website.** Mike Waggoner reported there were three possible providers were advanced by the committee. Inter-County Cooperative Publishing Association (ICCPA), Townweb (our current provider) and Rosedahl Public Affairs. There was discussion about changing the domain to .gov (at no charge) for branding and security purposes. Also discussed was obtaining .gov email addresses for board members. Ron motioned to use ICCPA as the website provider, apply for the .gov domain and obtain .gov email addresses for the Board Chair, Supervisors, Treasurer, and Clerk. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.
- **Township insurance** is current and up to date.
- **Townhall repair.** Steps and ramp need to be pressure washed and stained. Ron to purchase redwood stain for the posting board if needed. Charlie motioned to approve Ron's purchase of stain. Anne 2nd. Motion approved.

- **Guest Internet Network.** Guest network and password has been created and is posted inside on the bulletin board.
- **Implementation of roadwork (FEMA).** The 1st portion of dollars received will go toward the culvert on North Bridge, the culvert on Horseshoe Road, and gravel for all roads.
- **Federated Propane** wireless tank monitoring. Will remain as is to avoid additional cost.
- **Any other new business.** None
- **Emails or other misc. correspondences.** None


J. Upcoming Meetings

- Road Review May 16th 2024 5:00 p.m. at the Ogema Townhall
- Planning Commission meeting is May 23rd, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Ogema Townhall
- Next Township Board meeting is June 13th, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m.

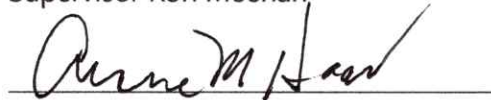
K. Adjournment. Anne motioned for adjournment at 8:01 p.m. Chair Kramer 2nd. Motion approved.


 Chair Supervisor Charlie Kramer

6-13-2024
 Date


 Supervisor Ron Meehan

6/13/2024
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 Supervisor Anne Haas

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Attest: 
 Ogema Town Clerk

6/13/24
 Date