

Ogema Township

Regular Town Board Meeting

February 8th, 2024

The Ogema Town Board held their regular monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th, 2024 at the Ogema Town Hall. The following were present: Charles Kramer, Ronald Meehan, Anne Haas, Sarah Benson and Robert Sunstrom. Also present was Michael Waggoner..

Chairman Charles Kramer called the meeting to order.

On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, agenda was approved. Motion carried. All voting, yes.

Open Forum / Citizens input – None

Clerk's report of the January 11th, 2024 Town Board meeting was read and 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 and second by Anne Haas showing a balance of \$131,889.08 in Checking as of February 1st, 2024 and a balance of \$4,526.60 in the Cemetery CD. 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 receipts of \$ 116,855.68. There were 3 claims paid for the total amount of \$ 200.04, payroll of \$ 1,320.59, 4 - auto payments of \$ 505.51 and 2 - debit cards payments \$ 5.29.

NorthStar Media	# 5051	\$ 41.23	Publish notice
Michael Waggoner	# 5052	\$ 35.91	Mileage for NPAHD
Robert Sunstrom	# 5053	\$ 122.90	Mileage
Town Board member	# 5054	\$ 341.69	Wages / salary
Town Board member	# 5055	\$ 110.82	Wages
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Town Board member	# 5058	\$ 637.21	Salary / wages
USPS	2024-1DC	\$ 2.61	Postage for 941 Qtrly.
USPS	2024-2DC	\$ 2.68	Postage for 1099 forms
MN Dept of Revenue	2024-5AP	\$ 242.39	2023 MN withholding
ADT Commercial	2024-6AP	\$ 63.22	Town hall security
CenturyLink	2024-7AP	\$ 140.18	Town hall phone and internet
East Central Energy	2024-8AP	\$ 59.72	Town hall electric

Old Business

1. Supervisor, Ronald Meehan gave a brief summary of this month's road report. Minimal maintenance except for remove and replace culverts on Horseshoe and Barnes Spring Roads. Also rework road grade on Old Ferry Rd. and Horseshoe Rd. in low spot and add culvert.

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2. NPAHD representative, Michael Waggoner gave members a handout of the previous meeting financial report and mentioned the merger with Marshfield and Essentia has been dissolved. He mentioned how tax dollars from townships east of the 35 corridor are being provided with food service for whomever shows up with no guidelines or equal consideration for those who are paying the bill. Recently such events have been held in and on the usual corridor and not a nickel of the mandated contribution has ever been spent for such activity East of the corridor. It is easy to understand why the majority of eligible Pine County townships have not joined the NPAHD effort. The 1989 mission has been accomplished. The Sandstone Hospital, 35 years later, is now profitable and part of a \$ 5+ billion-dollar enterprise. It is time to unshackle hundreds of landowners/taxpayers who are continuing to fund the "save the hospital" mission. Suggestion was made to move forward and sell the property, which the taxpayers have funded and saved to a point of profitability and is secure regarding its continuation as a health/hospital facility.
3. Propane tank at town hall is at 80% capacity.
4. Any other old business.

New Business

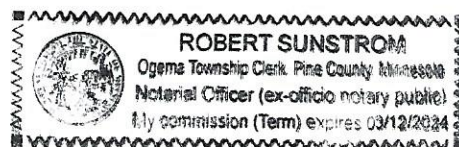
1. Claim sheets were handed out and signed.
2. On a motion made by Charles Kramer and second by Ronald Meehan, Central Pine Lumber voting, yes. Total 7.3 miles.
3. Clerk mentioned donation letters from Seven County Senior Federation, Family Pathways and Pine County Historical Society. Tabled and will be discussed with electors at annual meeting.
4. Clerk mentioned census boundaries from the Census Bureau and filled out electronic version of paper work to be sent upon completion.
5. Clerk showed town board the annual expenditure costs for MAT / MATIT.
6. Town Board discussed annual meeting reports and 2025 township levies for recommendation.
7. Clerk mentioned that he had posted both the Presidential Primary notice and ballots.
8. Any other new business. On a motion made by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, Clerk to purchase park bench in memorial of Dianne Beaufeaux from her dedicated monies received earlier. Park bench to be placed adjacent to front door at town hall.
9. Clerks read e-mails.
10. Miscellaneous mailings were handed out.

State Presidential Primary on March 5th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. @ Ogema Town Hall.
 Township Election on March 12th, 2024 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 12th, 2024 at 8:15 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.
 Next Town Board meeting on March 14th, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ogema Town Hall.

On a motion by Ronald Meehan and second by Anne Haas, meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Sunstrom
 Clerk, Ogema Township



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

Signature

Date

Charles Kramer
Ronald Meehan

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