

**AKELEY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HELD AT AKELEY TOWNSHIP HALL 7PM, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

Call to Order: Chairman Roger Geimer called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm Thursday September 1, 2022

Members present: Roger Geimer, Charlotte Negen, Sebrina Hegg & Loren Kramer

Members absent: George Lueck

Guests: Wendy & Levi Holsapple, Drew Gauwitz, Drew Gauwitz II & Gregory Daniels

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board and attending guests.

AGENDA: Loren Kramer motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Roger Geimer, passed.

MINUTES: Roger Geimer motioned to approve August 4, 2022, regular meeting minutes, with the amendment of voiding Supervisors Pay from August due to not attending the council and fire board meeting, seconded by Loren Kramer, passed.

MINUTES: Roger Geimer motioned to approve August 4, 2022, public hearing meeting minutes, seconded by Loren Kramer, passed

TREASURES REPORT ENDING JUNE 30, 2022: Checking Balance \$325,370.20 which includes \$28,027.25 ARP Funds, CD Balance \$92,655.20, for a Total Balance of \$418,025.40., Voided Check #5690, Loren Kramer motioned to approve Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Roger Geimer, passed.

- CD’s – 3 coming due in October. Discussed combining the two that mature on the same day. Discussed rates. Loren Kramer, motioned to allow the treasurer to use her discretion on the renewals to get the best rates, seconded by Roger Geimer, passed.

CLAIMS: Motion by Loren Kramer to approve September 1, 2022, claims, seconded by Roger Geimer, passed.

George Lueck	1 Fire, 1 Reg,	\$ -
Roger Geimer	1 Fire, 1 Reg,	\$ 110.82
Loren Kramer	1 Reg,	\$ 55.41
Charlotte Negen	1 Reg, Bkkpg	\$ 240.11
Sebrina Hegg	1 Reg, Bkkpg, Elections Mandatory Avail 1-5	\$ 503.31
City of Akeley	Utilities	\$ 72.22
MN Power	Electric	\$ 22.02
Levi Holsapple Const. LLC	Roads	\$ 7,748.00
NORTHWOODS PRESS	ELECTION NOTICE & PUBLIC HEARING	\$ 200.00

Old Business

1. **ARPA PLAN:**
 - a) None heard
2. **Road Maintenance:**
 - a) 291st still needs to be completed
 - b) Idaho Drive still needs to be brushed.
 - c) Levi presented the council with a Quote to brush 299th Ave at a rate of \$10,950.00, motioned by Roger Geimer to approve, seconded by Loren Kramer, passed.
 - d) 31058 240th St. Needs driveway leveled out to meet the new gravel that was added. Hegg’s also requested when this is done to have their driveway fixed at their own expense.

e) Discussed the washouts on Hillside Drive. Levi reported the section that is the townships responsibility is good. The rest is private and would be up to the owners to fix.

3. **Fire Board:** Not Available due to meeting dates.

Election Pay for Clerk: Discussed pay for the clerk who needed to be away from work and available for the township members to file affidavit of candidacy from 1pm to 5pm. Roger Geimer motioned for hourly pay at \$15.00 per hour for the 4 hours required to be home and available, seconded by Loren Kramer, passed.

4. **Letter to Gauwitz:** The clerk received a call from Mrs. Gauwitz regarding the letter concerning noxious weeds, stated that they would keep it mowed.

Mr. Gauwitz and his son Mr. Gawitz II was present at the meeting inquiring further on who's responsibility it was to maintain the cartway. It was explained that the petitioner/grantee is responsible for the right of way. Questioned on their rights of others using the cartway without compensation. It was recommended that they seek legal advice from an attorney.

5. **Gregory Daniels:** requested driveway permit. Paid initial fee and was given permit to fill out and return to the board.

Steve Campbell: Roger Geimer motioned to approve the requested parcel split and that they would need to further work with the county and state for any further permissions and/or permits, seconded by Loren Kramer, passed.

6. **Dedicated Board Emails:** Motion by Loren Kramer, to set up emails for all board members including clerk and treasurer through Wix at a rate of \$5.00 per person so the dedicated email can be accessed and utilized by successors to keep all communications transparent and easy for the community to contact members, seconded by Roger Geimer, passed.

7. **Dedicated Post office Box:** Discussed having a dedicated post office box for the same reasons as emails. No action was taken.

Rate increase: The board was informed that Couri Ruppe, P.L.L.P has increased their rate from \$250.00 per hour to \$275.00 per hour.

New Business

1. **Final Levy:** Motion by Roger Geimer to approve the final submittal of the levy to the county at \$241,000.00 with an overall increase of \$18,000.00 that was approved at the March Annual Meeting, seconded by Loren Kramer, Passed.

2. **CTAS discrepancies:** The clerk reported that CTAS reports were not accurate and that a backup was sent to the SOA for review. The SOA recommended redoing all submissions of CTAS for each year. Loren Kramer motioned for the Clerk to correct CTAS, seconded by Roger Geimer, passed.

Adjourn: Roger Geimer motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:17pm, seconded by Loren Kramer, passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sebrina Hegg
Akeley Township Clerk