

Eastern Township April Meeting

April 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Michael Lage. Present were Supervisors Michael Lage, Joey Rud and Jason Moller, Clerk Sue Ellwanger, Dana Guse, Treasurer. Tim Bowman from Bowman G & G was also in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jason Moller made a motion to adopt the agenda with flexibility. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

The clerk read the minutes of the March 2025 meeting. Jason Moller made a motion to approve the minutes. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

The clerk read the minutes of the 2025 Reorganization meeting. Joey Rud made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer Dana Guse gave the financial report.

The checking account balance on March 31, 2025: \$188,863.16. The CD's had a balance of \$237,102.04. On March 31, 2025, the township balance in the bank was \$425,965.27. Jason Moller made a motion to accept the treasurers' report as presented. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Jason Moller made a motion to pay the bills. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved. (Checks written and approved found on following page)

Prairie Community Ambulance Report

Michael Lage gave the report from the Parkers Prairie Community Ambulance. The entire report is on file with the clerk.

Road Maintenance

Tim Bowman from Bowman G & G gave the monthly road maintenance report. 1 round of plowing township roads. 1 round of blading roads. He also looked at beaver activity on 150th Street, and the beaver dam down the minimum maintenance road. He and Keith also worked on loading and cleaning up the garbage that has been illegally dumped in the township right of way. They picked up what was dumped on 595th Ave. and by Horsehead Lake. Information was passed on that there was also garbage located in Parkers Prairie Township that those supervisors would like picked up. Tim was encouraged to keep track not only of his time, but mileage and use of equipment and add it to a claims sheet. He presented a statement from the Henning landfill. These will submitted to the county prosecutors for the case.

March 2025 Deposits					
Date	Receipt #	Remitter	Description	Amount	
3/2/2025	135800	Midwest Bank	CD 3181 Interest	\$ 615.57	
3/3/2025	135796	Otter Tail County Auditor	2025 Town Road Allotment	\$ 39,884.83	
3/5/2025	135799	Midwest Bank	CD 3181 Interest	\$ 2,001.36	
3/31/2025	135797	Midwest Bank	Checking Account Interest	\$ 66.71	
				\$ 42,568.47	
April 2025 Claims					
Check_Date	Check #	Vendor_Name	Description	Check_Total	Claim #
4/14/2025	7011	Payroll Period Ending 03/11/202	March Election	\$ 75.00	
4/14/2025	7012	Payroll Period Ending 03/11/202	March Election	\$ 100.00	
4/14/2025	7013	Payroll Period Ending 03/11/202	March Election	\$ 87.50	
4/14/2025	7014	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/202	April Payroll	\$ 321.54	
4/14/2025	7015	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/202	April Payroll	\$ 446.44	
4/14/2025	7016	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/202	April Payroll	\$ 630.89	
4/14/2025	7017	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/202	April Payroll	\$ 710.02	
4/14/2025	7018	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/202	April Payroll	\$ 619.44	
4/14/2025	7019	Payroll Period Ending 04/30/202	April Payroll	\$ 96.63	
4/14/2025	7020	PERA	Monthly Contribution	\$ 251.26	360
4/14/2025	7021	USPS	Rent Post Office Box	\$ 72.00	353
4/14/2025	7022	Otter Tail County Auditor-Treas	Solid Waste Fee	\$ 17.00	352
4/14/2025	7023	Midwest Bank	Safety deposit box rent	\$ 20.00	351
4/14/2025	7024	Bowman's Grading & Graveling	Blading and snow plowing	\$ 3,389.50	350
4/14/2025	7025	Arvig	Internet	\$ 92.18	349
4/14/2025	7026	Justin Mattocks	Beaver Bounty (1)	\$ 100.00	348
4/14/2025	7027	Tom Guse	Beaver Bounty (4)	\$ 400.00	347
4/14/2025	7028	Pro Ag Coop - Henning Fuel	Tank Rental	\$ 80.53	346
4/14/2025	7029	Parkers Prairie Independent	Legal Notices	\$ 467.50	345
4/14/2025	7030	Otter Tail Power Company	Electricity	\$ 27.79	344
4/14/2025	7031	Someplace Safe	Township Donation	\$ 500.00	343
4/14/2025	7032	Prairie Food Shelf	Township Donation	\$ 500.00	342
4/14/2025	7033	Otter Tail Co Historical Society	Township Donation	\$ 500.00	341
4/14/2025	7034	History Museum of E Otter Tail C	Township Donation	\$ 500.00	340
4/14/2025	7035	East Otter Tail Ag Society	Township Donation	\$ 500.00	339
				\$ 10,505.22	

Old Business

Equalization Meeting

The equalization meeting for Eastern Township will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 1 pm.

New Business

Spring Road Inspection

The supervisors set Sunday May 4th 7 am for the spring road inspection. They will meet at the town hall.

Drone Flyover Spruce Creek

Jason Moller made a motion to have a drone fly over Spruce Creek to check for Beaver Dams. There was no second. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

Joey Rud made a motion to have the known beaver dam blown. Jason seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

L & M Spraying

Jason Moller made a motion to hire L & M Spraying to spray the road right of way for weeds. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Battery Box for Ford Tractor

It is very hard to reach the battery on the Ford tractor. Michael Lage suggested installing a battery box and step to make it more accessible. Joey Rud made a motion to have a battery box and step installed with a master power switch for the Ford Tractor. Jason Moller seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

Calcium Chloride Application

Calcium Chloride application on the township roads was discussed. Joey Rud mentioned the Wiirre's (on 625th Ave.) would like to have 300 feet of calcium chloride applied to the road.

Township Donations

Jason Moller made a motion to donate \$500.00 each to the following nonprofit organizations: Ottertail County Historical Society, East Ottertail, Historical Society, East Ottertail Agriculture Society, SomePlace Safe and Parkers Prairie Food Shelf. Joey Rud seconded the motion. All vote in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

There being no other business brought forward to the board, Jason Moller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. No second is needed. The April 2025 Board Meeting of Eastern Township adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eastern Township Chairman

Sue Ellwanger Clerk

Michael Lage, Board Chairman