

**BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for June was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices in North Mankato. Chairperson Mary Milbrath, Supervisor Craig Smith, Supervisor Randy Gish, Supervisor Tom Langdon, Supervisor Tim Lorentz, Treasurer Richard Timm and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Harlan Olson, and others, as listed on the sign in sheet.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mary called for additional agenda items. Randy made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional items. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom made a motion to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Richard Timm gave the Treasurer's Report for May. There is \$19,380.02 in the Checking account, and \$399,137.46 in the ICS account as of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There was a missing page on the statement, so Richard will give the May and June Platinum account balances at the July Meeting. The interest rate for the ICS account went up to 1.75%. Randy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Claims were reviewed from May 2018, as well May payroll. Tom made a motion to accept the March claims and payroll. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary reminded everyone of Board Meeting Etiquette. She also read an article to the board members from the Minnesota Association of townships called "Keeping Minnesota Nice". Craig had one additional observation.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There were no additions to Old Business: North Links Golf Course / Road Tour / Old Election Equipment / Direct Deposit for Harlan / Huntley Wilmarth update / LUCA census update / Wendy Schons picked up trash out of a ditch / posting requirements for a special board meeting versus a special town meeting / Schwickert Cartway

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bargan swept the roads before they crack sealed. Summit Power Sweeping also swept the roads. The township will bill the golf course for half of the part of the road that runs along their business.

Tom said Nicollet County came and advised the township to just replace what needs to be replaced, but nothing needs to change regarding quantity. Someone asked about speed signs. There are specific rules so we're unable to put up any enforceable signs. Harlan will move a sign from in front of Tim Lowe's further north.

There are open positions on the board. Supervisor C -4 yr term; Supervisor D - 4 yr term; treasurer 4 yr term and treasure - Mary asked if we should consider appointing a treasurer instead of going through election. There is more accountability to the board if appointed. The board decided that the residents would be more comfortable electing the treasurer. Mary made a motion stating if no-one runs for the elected treasurer's position, then the board will appoint one.

Belgrade Township votes by mail ballot. If any resident chooses to vote in person, the designated polling place is the Nicollet County offices in St Peter.

Lori suggested putting the "5-day notice prior to meeting" for residents wishing to add an agenda item on the website. This allows the supervisors to prepare and plan for the meetings. The board agreed.

Craig spoke with several folks in Nicollet County. He also spoke with culvert company in Courtland. They are going to meet with Craig and get him pricing. The DNR said it was up to the township what they wanted to do with it. Eric Miller asked if he could get through there to do some testing. Harlan said we need to get into it from the ends. It is a township cartway. Mary suggested making a resolution to abandon some of the roads that are no longer there. Mary is checking on procedure to make that kind of resolution. Mary brought some maps that the board members looked at.

Craig said Paul Secora will come out and look at the culverts on Old River Bluff Road. He's very backed up right now. Harlan will mark the culverts. The board instructed Harlan to start with the worst ones.

Tom needs to sign the resolution for the Schwickert cartway.

Randy made a motion to return the balance of their earnest money (\$2,912.00). Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary said lawyer Alex Johnson moved to the cities and the board has a letter to dissolve the partnership. Randy made a motion to dissolved agreement with Alex Johnson. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig asked if Harlan could have some pre-approved overtime of 14 – 20 hours per pay period to get caught up. Tim suggested hiring out gravel hauling. Ground Zero will do it for 3.15/ton. Mary made a motion to accept gravel hauling at \$3.15/ton from NUQQ by ground zero. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mary brought up some dates for the board members to get on their calendars: June 20, 2018, Mankato, country Inn and Suites 12:30-5:30 (Mary Plans on going / July 18, 2018 Nicollet Association of Townships / August ? 2018 State Meeting in LeCenter, MN

Tim requested that the timeclock get used regularly at the beginning and end of the day. Harlan had a good explanation why that doesn't work while he's hauling gravel. Lori suggested the board check on OSHA laws regarding 30-minute lunch breaks.

The board is ok with Harlan having four 10-hour or occasional 11-hour days.

The board agreed it will be good to have Harlan in the grader and Don mowing ditches now that Ground Zero will be doing the gravel hauling so things can get caught up in the township. There was discussion regarding how to grade the roads properly.

Tim would like to see the town roads get back on a good grading schedule. Harlan agreed.

Craig might have another person interested in part-time employment.

Tim received a proposal from AmLawn for \$75/hour and \$0.70/gallon. Tim made a motion to accept with a 4-day limit. Craig seconded. The motion passed.

#### ADJOURN

Craig made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

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Mary Milbrath, Chair

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Date

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Lori Cullen, Clerk