

**BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE**  
**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**MINUTES**

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for September was held on September 11<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, Treasurer Richard Timm and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Harlan Olson, and several township residents, as listed on the sign in sheet. Supervisor Tim Lorentz was absent.

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

Randy made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig made a motion to approve the August 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Minutes. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Richard Timm gave the Treasurer's Report for August. There is \$4,545.88 in the Simple Checking account, \$10,412.55 in the Platinum Plus account for a combined total of \$14,958.43 as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There is \$506,525.10 in the ICS account as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Craig made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary reminded everyone of Board Meeting Etiquette.

Claims were reviewed from August 2018, as well August payroll. Randy made a motion to accept the August claims and payroll, with the exception of the Ground Zero dust control claim, which will be tabled for further discussion later in the meeting. The motion passed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There were no additions to the following old business: Nicollet County Association Meeting 7/18/2018; Nicollet County Comprehensive Plan Survey; Water Quality Nicollet County Plan MTG (Amy Linnerooth); FEMA; MN Assoc of Townships District Meeting – LeCenter 8/13/2018; Road Book; Follow up on culvert cleaning; Mail Ballots; Schwickert cartway; Budget YTD; Culvert drainage at top of High Hill; Compare cost of employee vs contracted plowing & grading. Eric Miller, the contact for the 7 Mile Creek watershed project, now has his office in Nicollet. We expect a report from him on this project in December. Nicollet Fire Department Air Packs will cost our township roughly \$2,000. Chassis payment was included in the August Claims. The remainder of cost for the new truck, which is getting it's finishing touches, should be billed out in August. Craig made a motion to accept the old business. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dave Chambers is getting ready to clean out and fix a couple of the culverts, including the Larson one. There's also one by the school house he'll work on. Dave said they did the Gopher 1 calls already.

Lori asked if she could make a copy of the attorney bill to send to the Schwickerts regarding their Cartway Petition Expenses. Randy made motion to move forward with sending them a final bill. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MATIT Consolidated Coverage Insurance is due for renewal. Tom made a motion to pay the renewal for coverage. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FEMA expense reporting regarding equipment prep. Harlan is wondering if he should include prep of equipment on his expenses for projects. Board said yes, Harlan should keep a record of it. Richard and Steve contributed to the conversation. Dave suggested trying to purchase some property from Randy to fix the problem on his road. Randy said that an engineer would need to look at that. The down side is that engineers are very costly.

Randy asked if we got a second coat. No one noticed it on their roads. Harlan said communication on the dust control was between Tim and Jason in July. Randy made a motion to table Jason's bill and invite him to the next meeting to discuss it. Craig seconded. The motion passed. Tom said Harlan was doing good on the grading on Deerwood Trail.

Lori brought up wash boarding on the High Hill might be due to heavy trucks going up and down. Not much that can be done about that. Craig spoke about some intentional start/stop on hills. Randy spoke of a jeep in question, too.

Lori requested confirmation of miles to submit the Certified mileage of township roads to the county. Mary made a motion to submit the same mileage as last year. Randy seconded. The motion was amended until the next meeting. Harlan will drive all the roads and bring the totals.

Mary said Huntley Wilmarth sent out an update. They talked about possibly going through the dump in Mankato. There will be more meetings coming up. They have not claimed any preferred routes to date.

Weed of the month survey from the MN Dept of Ag. The weed this month is the knot weed. There are two different kinds. It looks like a lilac shrub. If you cut it, it will shoot up multiples more. The spray you need to cut and spray into center of cut branches.

Lori said the township received correspondence from the US Highway 14 Partnership requesting us to become a member and pay membership dues. The board declined becoming a member.

The grader needs new tires. Craig said recaps are supposedly a better rubber than the original tire. The tires get sent in to get recapped. They are Michelins. Recaps are same tread depth. The recaps are \$853.75/tire. New snow plus are \$1263.60/tire in the state net pricing. Randy made a motion to go with recaps. Craig seconded. The motion passed. Harlan will take the grader down tomorrow.

Steve Michels said the mowing and the weed spraying needs a lot of work and better coordination.

Harlan would like a recording of a few of the meetings. The board informed him that Lori reported to them that all the recordings of the past meeting somehow were erased. There was some discussion on how to back up the recordings going forward. Nothing definite was decided on.

Harlan pointed out there is a phone line running along the side of and laying on top of a section of Timber Lane Road. He explained it is on the wing line part of the road/ditch where the grader could easily snag it when plowing this winter. Randy said the phone company was going to put a patch between those two spots. Now they are going to bring fiber up there. Randy assured that will be gone by fall, according to the phone company.

ADJOURN

Randy made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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Mary Milbrath, Chair

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Date

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Lori Cullen, Clerk