

**BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE**

April 16th, 2019
MINUTES

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for April was held on April 16th, 2019 at 7:00p.m. at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices, 2070 Howard Drive in North Mankato, MN. Chairperson Mary Milbrath, Supervisor Craig Smith, Supervisor Tim Lorentz, Treasurer Konnie Pierson and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Harlan Olson, Paul Sekora, Dave Chambers and Greg Depute. Supervisor Tom Langdon and Supervisor Cheryl Michels were absent.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and all present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Craig made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tim made a motion to approve March 19th Meeting Minutes. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Konnie gave the Treasurer's Report for March. There was \$12,002.35 in Simple Checking and \$9,689.97 in the Platinum account as of March 31st, 2019. There was \$376,891.82 in the ICS account as of March 31st, 2019. Interest for the month of March for the Platinum Account was \$1.03. Interest for the month of March in the ICS Account was \$835.46. Craig made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig made a motion to approve the March Claims and Payroll. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary reminded everyone of Board Meeting Etiquette. The meeting is being recorded only to assist in preparing minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no additions/corrections to the following old business: Ground Zero Dust Control Quotes; Residents requesting culvert cleaning; Time Clock; CAT Warranty; Road sign – Edward; Balances of funds; Quote on culverts that need to be replaced as well as ditch clean outs; Replace the Dodge?; Reimbursement for office expenses; Roads closed; Road Signs; quotes from 2 companies. E.F.A. & M&R Signs; Water issues: Honey Suckle Lane, Birch Bluff - emails from 3 residences; Lunch Breaks; Tape Recorder

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Report:

Craig shared that the Nicollet Fire Dept sold their old van to the regional SWAT team for \$15,000. Craig Smith paid \$3,000 for the old van that Nicollet County SWAT team had. The Department also received some grants for various needs. They keep a balance of roughly \$100,000 in their account.

Roads:

Possible black top repair to the south end of Old river bluff road was addressed. Harlan said it needs a shim patch in a couple of places. Craig wondered why that little area has black top. He wondered if we should convert it to gravel. The board will look at it on the Road Tour. Also, 415th might need repair because it's breaking up quite a bit. This will also be addressed on the road tour. North Mankato put that short stretch in and maybe the golf course would be willing to pay for part of it; Mary will check with them. Harlan said a part of it will need to be cut out and replaced. The Road tour is scheduled for Monday, April 29th.

Culverts & Ditches:

The Culvert policy was mentioned. There is a plastic pipe made of field tile that appears to be crushed. Harlan said that Nicollet County cleans culverts and ditches but does not replace culverts or aprons. They will clean out around aprons and then seed if necessary, but they do not sod. Lori will bring a copy of the Culvert Policy for each of the supervisors to discuss at the next meeting.

There is a water back up at the bottom of Timber Lane. Harlan spoke to the state workers. Apparently, the culvert is full of trees. There was supposed to be a trash guard at our end of the culvert

that runs under the road. Randy Gish told Mary that the trash guard was never put in an that it was the responsibility of the state. Craig said we should wait to see what the state does to take care of it

Paul Sekora brought quotes for culvert and ditch work on both Old River Bluff Road and 526th. Greg Depute stated there never has been much for ditches on 526th since 1960. Every other year he is trying to plow debris on the north side of the road up into his field. He said he has created a bit of a berm on his field he was wondering if the township would help push it more into his field. He wonders why a neighbor continues to fill it without the board telling him to stop doing it. Greg said he's willing to allow the township to drain excess water into his field tile. In return he would like the township to grade the ditches. Dave Chambers said that he thinks there is a gas pipe that runs through there, because they talked about raising that road years ago. Mary will give gopher 1 a call and asked them to locate utilities. Harlan said the corner culvert by Verovens is plugged. Greg said the school bus is the biggest culvert by cutting the corner. Craig made a motion to clean culvert on 526th and 409th Av NW. Mary seconded it. The motion passed. The rest of items are tabled until May meeting.

LTAP & MAT training is in Mankato. There will be a focus on culverts. The meeting is in June. Mary will bring details to the next meeting.

Lori explained that MAT requires a more specific motion to have Supervisor Tom Langdon perform PT employee work for the township. Mary made a motion for Tom to perform part time work for the township at a flat rate of \$20/hour with no overtime. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Equipment:

The township received a maintenance agreement from Zeigler. The warranty has already been taken care of. Craig brought maintenance agreement papers and Lori will send them to Zeigler. Craig said he learned that the grader has GPS built into it, so you can check to see where it's been.

Miscellaneous:

FEMA/New FEMA—Mary asked Craig for a written report from when he looked at the Kern's Culvert with a Blue Earth County engineer. Craig reminded everyone that after that bad storm Harlan actually fell through the road. He also said that the first time they looked at it we were considering repairing it because it wasn't that bad. After the bad storms there is no repair to them. Harlan gave an update on its current condition. Mary spoke with the state engineer. She will speak with Joe Lorentz about what it looked like when he inspected it. Mary disclosed the new issues that came in with the snow melt.

Craig's requested that people stop giving out his personal cell phone number.

A-Z sign rental—All the signs are back and accounted for.

Reminder: Board of Equalization Meeting – April 18th @ 6:00 pm

Mary referred the residents with water issues from Honey Suckle Lane to the county commissioner.

Adjourn: Craig mad a motion to adjourn. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

Mary Milbrath, Chair

Date

Lori Cullen, Clerk