

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE

September 8th, 2020

MINUTES

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for September was held on September 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices, 2070 Howard Drive in North Mankato, MN. Chairperson Mary Milbrath, Supervisor Craig Smith, Supervisor Cheryl Michels, Supervisor Tom Langdon, Treasurer Konnie Pierson and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Cheryl Olson. Supervisor Andy Goettlicher was absent.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Mary Milbrath.

Cheryl made a motion to approve the agenda. Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Tom made a motion to approve August 18th Meeting Minutes. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Craig made a motion to approve the August Claims. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Craig made a motion to approve the August Payroll. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-0-A. Tom abstained because had a claim for payment included.

Konnie gave the Treasurer's Report for August. There was \$4,041.38 in Simple Checking and \$10,222.86 in the Platinum account as of August 31st, 2020. There was \$202,855.37 in the ICS account as of August 31st, 2020. Interest for the month of August for the Platinum Account was \$1.25 Interest for the month of July in the ICS Account was \$47.98. Tom made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Cheryl seconded the motion. The motion passed, 4-0.

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

OLD BUSINESS

There were no additions or corrections to the following Old Business:

COVID - CARES Deposit; Expenses

Culverts & Ditches - Ditch mowing

Election- Candidates

Employees - PT Employee handbook; Unemployment filing by Tom

Equipment - Tires for Kubota

FEMA - FEMA update

Fire Report - Craig

Roads - Condition of roads: power line traffic/ residents/ FEMA/ ;Dust Control on HAUL roads

Tabled Items- Timber Trail ditches

Other - Shop yard; Annual MAT Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Culverts & Ditches

Craig spoke with Tim Brower from Benco said that they are very upset about the permit process we have. He said if they get stuck with that expense that they will pass it along to the customers. They addressed the utility corridor. Craig said unless we build new roads we can't change everything. He said we are the only township that has this requirement. Mary said the reason behind it is to eventually get all utilities in the same spot. Additionally, it's purpose is to protect the township. Tom suggested making an accommodation for our local utility companies since they do so much work in the township. The board will investigate a little further. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Pete Otterness and John Hannel would like a variance for the digging of Armond & Jane Lundholm's septic system. They are asking for a variance because the septic system line will be within 15 feet of the right-of-way. Craig said the county variance board usually approves variances. He also questioned why they need a variance if they aren't actually going to be in the right-of-way. Tom made a motion to approve the variance for county. Craig seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The board passed around a document to sign so Mary could fax it to them tonight.

Pete and John also asked about a driveway cut in on 496th and County Road 13. Travis from R Henry Construction asked for a culvert policy. Tom looked at the area and said one culvert was already in and there was another culvert laying in the ditch further down closer to CR 13. The board was questioning if building restrictions have changed in Nicollet County. They are also considering having specific restrictions in the township by implementing township Planning and Zoning guidelines if Nicollet County has relaxed their building regulations. Mary will call MAT regarding making further restrictions on building. The board was agreeable to the culverts being installed. Tom signed the document and Mary will fax it to them tonight.

Employees

Tom said he will not draw any further unemployment from the township.

Equipment

Freightliner is down for the week because a part that is needed will take a week to get in. It has something to do with the hydraulic couplers.

The left rear strobe light on the International is not working. They will call since it should be under warranty.

FEMA

We have a new rep for our 2019 FEMA. He told us more paperwork is needed after the previous rep, Christian Nordeng, told us that we had everything complete and submitted. Our new rep's name is Okeke Harris.

Lori reviewed a handout regarding protocol for photo submission and documentation for the township. Tom asked if we should have a separate camera for Harlan instead of using his cell-phone.

Fire Report

Andy went to the Fire Department meeting instead of Craig. Craig said the only thing he was aware of was that they're looking for money to buy a new side by side with trax on it. They have half of the funds. They will be writing some grants for additional funds.

Roads

Tom drove the roads today and saw no problems.

Other

Shop yard is mowed and clean

MAT Meetings are all online. Board members can go in, sign up and log in online. Mary suggested the supervisors can sign up for one or two lectures each and report back to the board.

General FYI:

Thank you to Nathaniel Johnson and Gary Gintner for cleaning up the mess that they had left in the road from their sweetcorn field – promptly. Mary said it was nice to see folks being good neighbors cleaning up their stuff.

Two township signs were shot up and need to be replaced. Someone also dumped 18 tires in the ditch on Old River Bluff Rd. The sheriff has been notified on both issues.

Tom looked at Kerns today. Some riprap slid, but Tom is worried that if we put more rip rap in there (west side) it may put more stress on the culvert wall.

Tabled Items

Timber Trail discussion for spring of 2021. Planning and Zoning

Utility Permits (Benco)

Top of 490th hill

Adjourn

Cheryl made a motion to adjourn. Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Mary Milbrath, Chair

Date

Lori Cullen, Clerk

Date