

**BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
MINUTES**

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for May was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices on Howard Drive in North Mankato. Chairperson Cheryl Michels, Supervisor Gerri Krueger, Supervisor Craig Smith, Supervisor Mary Milbrath Supervisor, Supervisor Andy Goettlicher, Treasurer Ashley Hanley and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Harlan Olson, Randy Gish and Michael Sponberg.

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00pm by Cheryl Michels.

Andy made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Gerri made a motion to approve April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Cheryl made a motion to approve the April Claims. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Gerri made a motion to approve the April Payroll. Andy seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ashley gave the Treasurer's Report for April. There was \$11,737.06 in Simple Checking and \$19,784.56 in the Platinum account as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The ending balance in the ICS account as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 was \$413,347.83. Interest for the month of April for the Platinum Account was \$1.16. Interest for the month of April in the ICS Account was \$89.95. There were no deposits in April. Andy made a motion to approve the March Treasurer's Report. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Culverts & Ditches - Timber TR ditch, 409<sup>th</sup> Drain Tile

Employees - Nothing discussed

Equipment - Pay off International

FEMA - Nothing new

Fire Report - Craig

Roads - 510<sup>th</sup> -405<sup>th</sup> -512<sup>th</sup> ; 490th hill; Heavy equipment usage; Timber Tr; Dust Control on hills

Other - Land Use Public Meeting; Smith Spillway; Garbage container; LBAE Meeting

Tabled Items - 526<sup>th</sup> Ditch; Utility Permits; Zoning Ordinance

FYI - County Road 13-closure; Note from Harlan

### **Culverts & Ditches**

Nothing discussed.

### **Employees**

Nothing discussed.

### **Equipment**

At the last meeting Mary shared that she spoke with a company regarding acquiring a new dumpster for the shop. When speaking to them again, they corrected the quote. It would be \$100 higher than previously stated. Harlan said it's cheaper to own one than rent. Mary will check with them again on both cost and availability.

### **Fire Report**

Craig indicated there was nothing new to report.

### **Roads**

Mary sent an email to Seth Greenwood regarding potentially receiving cost reimbursement for extra travel on our roads when CR 13 is closed. He responded that they are expecting little to no extra traffic on Belgrade roads. He said they will not provide any funding at this time, however, if issues arise they will be addressed then.

We are still waiting for quotes for work to be done on Timber Trail.

Steve Michaeletz called Mary and said he was blacktopping his driveway and planned to extend it onto the township road. Mary responded by informing him that he would need to bring his request to the board at a regular board meeting. Mary went to the site on 415<sup>th</sup> recently and took pictures. The pictures show that he did blacktop his driveway, which extends out onto the road. It has quite a lip on it which will create a safety hazard when plowing roads. Randy Gish suggested calling the Sherriff. The MAT lawyer said to file a misdemeanor against the property owner. Harlan suggested getting a blacktop company and have them cut the asphalt back to 2 feet behind the mailbox. The board reiterated that there shall be no blacktop on that road, as discussed and decided at a previous meeting. Andy made a motion to write letter informing them to get an asphalt contractor to cut back the asphalt, so it no longer extends past the road right of way and then, to restore the road to its previous condition/original state. Cheryl seconded. The motion carried, 5-0.

Cheryl received call from Angie Peterson, who lives on the west side of Old River Bluff Road. Cheryl met Harlan on site. There is a substantial amount of erosion occurring. They measured and it is located on our right of way. Cheryl said we need rip rap to hold the area. Harlan said it would take a bucket load on the front bucket of the backhoe. He

suggested maybe taking an extra load to dump by the creek, where it would also be helpful. Andy made motion to fix the two spots. Mary seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mary participated in the MAT bi-monthly phone update. They are encouraging townships to come up with a solar panel and wind turbine ordinance. They suggested requiring there be a 1 ½ mile setback from the township roads. They also encouraged a moratorium to disallow any more subdivisions. MAT said that we, as a township, should set some of our own setbacks. The board liked the suggestion to require setbacks of 50'. Randy said that Nicollet County has set a precedence of making people move things in the past. Mary said it is getting frustrating having people come after the fact and ask for a variance. Mary and Gerri will attend the Planning and Zoning meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

We need approval to move ahead with the small claims court regarding Timber Trail repairs. Cheryl made a motion to move forward with Small Claims court. Gerri seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mary shared that the sign company is able to get started on making the road signs for the Miles Lorentz Road. Andy Made a motion to purchase street signs for the Miles Lorentz Road signs (4 signs in two locations). Cheryl seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

### **Other**

Harlan spoke with Paul Johnson and the possibility of storing some equipment in his empty shed across from the shop. Paul said he would charge whatever the board wants to give him. It's mainly to preserve the condition of the new Boss plow. It would also be for security to prevent theft. Cheryl made motion to pay Paul \$250 for 8 months of storage. Mary seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Michael Sponberg spoke regarding the Smith spillway. He expressed his thoughts regarding access to property beyond the spillway. His dad deeded 15 acres of land in that location to C.R.E.P.. Craig Smith, Mike Madison, Tom Hentzel, Jim Johnson, Glennette Johnson, Charlie Smith and a few others use the land beyond the spillway. He would like continued access to property on that road. Michael brought a list of names with him. Cheryl read a letter from Robert Ruppe in response to a letter we received from Knutson and Casey. These are on file with the Clerk. Records show the spillway is part of a township cartway. Township Cartways are not maintained by the township, but by the property owners who use it. No decision was made. The issue may be brought up again at the next annual town meeting. Excel energy is going to be inspecting their lines by drone.

### **General FYI:**

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### **Tabled Items**

526<sup>th</sup> Ditch; Set back ordinance; Utility Permits

### **Adjourn**

Mary made a motion to adjourn. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

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Cheryl Michels, Chair

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Date

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Lori Cullen, Clerk