

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2021

Nicollet County Satellite Office

Present:

Supervisors: Andy Goettlicher, Gerri Krueger, Cheryl Michels, Mary Milbrath and Craig Smith  
Treasurer Ashley Hanley, Clerk Lori Cullen, and Deputy Clerk Joan Untiedt  
Kenny Klooster, Harlan Olson, Tyler Scholl, and Michael Sponberg

Meeting was called to order by Chair Michels at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consent agenda was presented for approval. One addition to the agenda is adding the 478<sup>th</sup> sign to new business. Goettlicher/Michaels move/second to approve the consent agenda as revised, approved.

Krueger/Milbrath move/second to approve the prior month meeting minutes as presented, approved.

Treasurer Hanley gave the following report:

Simple checking account - \$15,231.58

Platinum account - \$11,820.48

Interest earned - \$1.37

ICS account - \$383,433.23

Interest earned - \$85.40

Milbrath/Goettlicher move/second to accept the treasurer's report as presented, approved.

Milbrath/Michels move/second to approve the payment of all claims presented, approved.

Goettlicher/Michels move/second to approve the payment of payroll as presented, approved.

Update from Clerk Cullen

The Cullens have sold their home in the township effective July 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last official meeting for Lori. Untiedt is the current Deputy Clerk and is willing to step into the Clerk role for the township. Smith requested a resume from Untiedt along with other potential candidates for the position. The Board can appoint an individual for a vacancy. MAT process will be reviewed for accurate steps to take.

Old Business

No discussion.

New Business

1. Culverts and Ditches
  - The request for a quote for Timber Trail repairs was refused by Chambers. Lorentz was contacted but they do not have an opening in their schedule to accommodate. The quote from Wendell Lorentz & Sons was \$63,305 to include ravine repair, tree removal, and ditch cleanup. The breakdown for just the ravine repair was \$22,305. DMI and Holtmeier will be called for a quote as well as others that have been suggested. Tyler Scholl (resident on Timber Trail) asked whether seeding is included in the bid. New quotes will have the seeding included. A decision will be made at the next meeting. Ken Klooster (Belgrade resident) addressed the eroding ravine and whether the repairs will be covered in this work.
2. Employees – nothing to report
3. Equipment
  - Latch on the pup trailer needs to be replaced on the end gate. Crysteel said the replacement would be expensive. Olson will take the trailer to Lake Crystal to get an estimate.
  - Eagle Lake dumpster has the bottom falling out. The dumpster is owned by the township and is emptied approximately twice per year. Hansen Sanitation was contacted on the option to lease vs. buying a new one. Milbrath will investigate the cost to buy a new dumpster. Goettlicher/Krueger move/second to approve up to \$800 purchase price for a rear load dumpster, including delivery, approved.
4. Fire Report
  - Meeting was held two weeks ago. The side by side was purchased along with the trailer to pull it.
  - They are looking at building a picnic area outside the building for the public to use. The department has donations to cover the cost.
5. Roads
  - Road tour and weed check will be done on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - M & R Sign will provide the signs for the Myles Lorentz road. The cost is \$18.67 per sign for a total price of \$74.68.
  - Wind has broken the sign on 478<sup>th</sup> Street. Olson will work on the repair. On the gravel portion of 506<sup>th</sup> Street west of Highway 13, the Stop Ahead sign was also broken by the wind.
6. Land Usage
  - The township is contesting the variance approved for the Hurley setback by the Board of Appeals. The Board approved the building of the shed and Milbrath had sent an appeal to the county. She was told to talk to the assistance county attorney and tried to get the appeal process. After the county commissioner meeting, a letter said to come back to submit the appeal at the next meeting. It would cost \$30,000 to get an attorney to continue with the appeal. If any discharge is seen coming from the pipe under the shop and entering township property, the Pollution Control will be contacted.
  - Conciliation court date will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> via zoom for the damage done to Timber Trail. Gravel was dumped when restrictions were in place.
7. Other

- American Rescue Plan provides funding for recovery from the pandemic and includes townships. Milbrath will get assistance to complete the application and find out the eligible expenses. There is a possibility to receive \$100,200. Michels/Krueger move/second to have Milbrath complete and submit the application on behalf of the township, approved.
- Unemployment insurance letter was received for Smith. Clerk Cullen responded to the letter. Smith said to disregard due to the letter sent in error.

8. Tabled Items

- 526<sup>th</sup> Ditch – table
- Utility permits – table

9. Other Business

- A list of items to dispose in the mobile collections are online along with the cost to dispose. Zins Inc. in Nicollet will have a collection on June 17<sup>th</sup> for Nicollet County residents. Hazardous waste can be taken to a site in Klossner on September 16<sup>th</sup>.
- County Road 13 will be closing on June 21<sup>st</sup> with an estimated opening by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Highway 99 repairs are scheduled to be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Gravel is needed on Timber Lane and Gambel Hill. Concerns were expressed about the gravel purchased from Holtmeier two years ago. SMC was also called and received a quote of \$9.35 per ton. Discussion ensued with the quality of the product needed. Goettlicher/Milbrath move/second to purchase the rock from SMC for \$9.35 per ton, approved.
- Propane contracts are opening for next year with a proposed savings if contracted now. Milbrath/Goettlicher move/second to contract for the next year from Crystal Valley, approved.

Goettlicher/Krueger move/second to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Cheryl Michels  
Cheryl Michels, Chair

7-15-2021  
Date

Joan M. Untiedt  
Joan Untiedt, Deputy Clerk

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