

Belgrade Township-
Minutes for Board Meeting on December 14, 2021
Nicollet County Satellite Office

Present: Supervisors: Sandy Howe, Cheryl Michels, Mary Milbrath and Craig Smith
Town Treasurer: Ashley Hanley
Employee: Harlan Olson

Residents:

Harlan Olson, 48805 387th Lane, St. Peter, MN
Edward Olson, 48805 387th Lane, St. Peter
Craig Smith Jr. 41355 Judson Bottom Road, North Mankato
Karen Smith, 41246 Judson Bottom Road,
Mike Marti, 52423 Ravine Road, North Mankato
Linda and Jim Johnson, 40816 Judson Bottom Road

Meeting called to order by Chair Michels at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance said by all present.

Treasurer's Report- Ashley Hanley

Checking- \$8,872.59

Savings- \$20,024.40

ICS- \$407,803.57

Motion to approve by Cheryl, Geri second

Geri-approve

Sandy-approve

Mary-approve

Cheryl-approve

Craig-approve

Motion to approve claims by Mary, Sandy second

Geri-approve

Sandy-approve

Mary-approve

Cheryl-approve

Craig- approve

Approval of Agenda- added a note about: 1. Joan going to part time. 2. part time employees.

Motion to approve agenda by Cheryl, Geri second

Geri-approve

Sandy-approve

Mary- approve

Cheryl-approve

Craig- approve

Clarification of minutes for November 2021, Meeting.

Mary noted that the quote for tree trimming was unanimously decided by board. Sandy got an invoice from Phil for tree removal on Timber Lane and 490th. Mary noted that County Commissioners voiced approval of the Boards process about removing trees. Tree Trimming and cutting was necessary for safety reasons.

Discussion was made regarding if residents had access to wood when it comes to trimming trees. Board members noted that those who wanted the wood, got the wood. Craig said it wasn't addressed.

Resident was upset with Belgrade Township due to Road closed due to Tree trimming/ Cutting, on November 13, 2021, early AM ambulance call. Harlan noted that Phil had followed procedure as they were instructed to follow, for road closures.

Sandy checked on 911 dispatch calls that were made to Nicollet Fire Department/Ambulance for October and November in Belgrade Township. No calls were made, per 911 Dispatch. Phil has submitted an invoice for Tree Trimming on 490th. Completed Tree trimming/Cutting 490th, November 30, 2021. Invoice to Sandy.

Craig added that he wants Cheryl's comments in minutes, but the board voted to approve minutes as is at 4-1. Prior to his request.

Motion to approve November meetings-

Geri-yes

Sandy-yes

Mary-yes

Cheryl-yes

Craig-no

Reminder of town board etiquette

Old business-

Kern's east culvert- Mary brought estimated amounts to prior meeting from both companies, but it is stated that both companies have to do the work. Last month we approved Stonebrook, but Mary asked for approval for EverGreen to complete the project for additional \$16,712.50 as well as Stonebrook. Michels/Gerri move and second.

Gerri-approve

Sandy-approve

Mary-approve

Cheryl-approve

Craig approve

Tile owned by Nick Peters is not fixed. He said he will fix it.

Mary states: John Krohn will fix his broken tile on Timber Lane.in the spring. Via: email.

Equipment-

Freightline expenses from January 2019-October 11, 2021 = \$50,780.81****

Pup trailer latch- Harlan took the pup trailer & freightliner to Crysteel the week of December 13. Andy, Crysteel Shop employee, said it is hard to do an estimation on the pup trailer & box since it is so worn and that it is 100 percent homemade, Nothing manufactured. Harlan said to repair pup will cost time and material.

Estimated amount for repair of pup trailer hitch \$1000.-\$1500.00****

Estimated repair of Freightliner BODY QUOTE=PART/MATERIAL=\$35,053.35

LABOR =\$ 8640.00

REFINISH =\$ 2280.00

TOTAL =\$45,973.35 *****

FRAME REPAIR QUOTE: PART/MATERIAL \$2165.07

LABOR \$9120.00

REFINISH \$ 960.00

TOTAL \$12,245.07*****Grand Total \$110,499.86

Cheryl said the Freightliner will not pass inspection. Mary made a motion to get prices for replacement of the Freightliner. Sandy 2nd the motion.

Motion to replace Freightliner

Mary -approve

Sandy-approve

Geri-approve

Cheryl-approve

Craig-disapproved -till after inspection.

Back up signs are on hold....waiting on materials to make the signs.

Grant for diesel equip-nothing at this time. Will continue to check.

Nicollet FIRE Department REPORT: November 22. Andy Anderson(Fire Department Clerk) passed away suddenly. Fire Department appointed Karlan Lenson as temporary treasurer. Nicollet Fire department had 128 calls so far this year. New side by side has arrived and ready to be used. Nicollet Fire Department has 25 Firemen on board. Discussion of tanker truck. Starting to look at options that are available. Budget meeting is on January 24 at 7:00. Craig had high praise of the Nicollet Fire Department as an organization.

Roads-

Timber Trail reconciliation court for Road Damage. Mary said it was denied. Letter says it is a civil matter not a criminal one. Basically the road was normal wear and the damage was no fault of the other party.

Valley View right of way for septic system- Belgrade Township is not comfortable setting the boundaries for the cul de sac properties. Survey recommended.

Setbacks- Belgrade Township set-backs were approved, by Belgrade Township, to be the same as Nicollet counties. Nicollet County, as of date, has not updated their records.

LBAE- Due by February 2022.

Training- Mary had training with ARPA. Had 100 people on zoom, through MAT. Due to many townships not applying for ARPA money. The excess was divided among townships that signed up for ARPA.. April 30 ,2022, Belgrade Townships 1st report is due.Recommended to use for Revenue Replacement Fund. Mary will check where money can be spent. . Mary said video is available through MAT and ARP. Harlan voiced interest if ARPA money could be used for equipment for the township.

Harlan asked what good does it do to have the fire department have top notch equipment but the Township doesn't have it? The Township needs to be able to respond to emergencies, as does the FireDepartment.

Harlan review- Harlan would like it to be a closed meeting.

Joan will continue to do payroll and claims.

No new business with roads.

Sandy has not talked to Matt@ Nicollet County, about the signage for the Township.. Will wait until after the first of the year to discuss.

Mary noted she and Cheryl attended a budget meeting for Nicollet County that was presented to County commissioners. Mary noted that it was done very professionally.

Bank issues- Mary asked if we should do a separate account for the equipment fund. Cheryl noted that the county has their's separated. Craig noted it was set up that way in case of a catastrophe. Question if we do have separate accounts, can money be taken out in case of emergency or does it have to be used for that specific item. Harlan questioned if there is an equipment fund or not?

The Board of Adjustments and Appeals meeting is Monday, December 20th, in St.Peter.

Mary motion to adjourn, Gerri second

Gerri-approve

Sandy-approve

Mary-approve

Cheryl-approve

Craig approve

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:00PM

Cheryl Michels Chair
Ashley Hanley Treasurer