BELGRADE TOWNSHIP MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2022

Nicollet County Human Services Building, North Mankato

Present:

Supervisors:

Sandy Howe, Cheryl Michels, Mary Milbrath, and Craig Smith

Town Clerk:

Joan Untiedt

Town Treas:

Vacant

Employee:

Harlan Olson

Residents:

Karen Smith - 41296 Judson Bottom Rd

Alex Melvin - 50605 Birch Bluff Dr. Edward Olson - 48805 387th Ln

Gae Larson - 50298 Old River Bluff Rd

Diane and Tod Becker – 50542 Old River Bluff Rd

Wallace Michels - 40196 478th St.

Steve and Kathleen Burnett - 53042 Rockford Rd

Absent:

Supervisors: Gerri Krueger

Meeting called to order by Chair Michels at 8:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance. Reminder of town meeting etiquette was recited.

Milbrath/Michels move/second to approve the agenda as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance. Michels/Milbrath move/second to approve the previous month's minutes, approved by Howe, Michels, and Milbrath. Smith abstained due to his absence at the last meeting. Michels/Howe move/second to approve the treasurer's report given by Untiedt, approved by all supervisors in attendance. Milbrath/Howe move/second to approve the claims as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance. Milbrath/Howe move/second to approve payroll as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Old Business

1. Culverts & Ditches

- CenterPoint has relocated their utility lines for the Kern's culvert project. Delineators have been installed to mark the side of the road for awareness during the winter. The culvert will be installed next summer.
- Neubert culvert has no update.
- Timmerman culvert has no update.
- Roen culvert has been installed and approved.
- Letter will be sent to landowner Nick Peters regarding tile damage on his property on 478th St.
- Tile damage on John Krohn property has been repaired by Telecom since they did the damage.

2. Employees

- No individual has been identified for appointment to the Treasurer position on the board.
 Michels/Howe move/second to authorize Untiedt to find an individual outside of the township to
 appoint as the treasurer to complete the 2022 records at an hourly range of \$30-\$50, approved by
 all supervisors in attendance.
- Town attorney is working on the process to call a special election in February 2023 to elect a treasurer due to the error in term dates recorded with the county.

3. Equipment

- Backup signs for remaining equipment have not been received.
- Replacement for Freightliner has no further update. **REVISED AT DEC. MEETING-MOVED UP ON THE LIST FOR PRODUCTION.

4. Roads

- ID Sign Solutions is waiting for street signs to arrive for installation. The poles that were
 identified for replacement have been done. ID will be back to do the street signs and pound
 down the delineators on Kern's Drive.
- MAT is setting up the tree cutting safety class for all the townships in the state to attend.
- Discussion on right-of-way markers that have been received and ready for installation. Michels/Milbrath move/second to send letter to landowners on Timber Lane that ROW markers will be installed November 30th with the surveyor present to mark for township mowing and grading after notification to also have the sheriff present, approved by Howe, Michels, and Milbrath, Smith dissented. After the motion was made, it was discussed that the alternate date will be the next Wednesday after November 30th if the weather conditions do not permit the installation. This will be noted in the letter to the residents.
- There is no turnaround on 391 Ave. for township equipment. There is a small structure next to
 the road (which is legal) but prevents the equipment from making a circle to exit. The
 equipment must back up and maneuver a turnaround. Landowner Schlueter talked with
 employee Olson and suggested they talk with the other neighbor and make a turnaround.
 Howe and Milbrath will set up a meeting with the landowners.

5. Other

- Ordinance for setbacks to match the county is being prepared by the town attorney
- Pat Gilman has not been able to get the shop roof repairs done to date. He will be called to ask for a scheduled time to complete.
- Annexation agreement will be done by the town attorney and ready for review at the next meeting. Also need to review the agreements with Oshawa Township and Nicollet Fire Dept.
- Untiedt attended the annual MAT conference in St. Cloud on October 14th. Attended
 discussions regarding legal work in the township, CTAS software, elections, and township
 duties. Also met with MAT staff and discussed open items with our township.

New Business

Employees

 Pay Equity Report was distributed for review. Milbrath/Michels move/second to approve the report and submit to the state as required, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

2. Equipment

- Vicon mower needs to have the front and back bars holding the canopy replaced due to fatigue and continuous breaking. The cost of approximately \$650. Michels/Howe move/second to approve the repairs to the mower, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
- Still waiting for Kubota wheel weights to arrive as previously approved.

3. Fire Report

Next meeting will be November 28th at 7:00 p.m.

4. Roads

- Large amount of household garbage was dumped in ditches by 498th St., 490th St., and Old River Bluff Road on October 25th. Olson contacted the sheriff and made a report. Mail was found in the trash dumped and trying to track down the people. Took over 3 hours of Olson's time to clean up and \$95 to dump the container. Will continue to collaborate with the sheriff's office if the culprits can be found and fined.
- Letter will be sent to Sharon Ahl on Minnewaukon Dr. to remove pots and yard ornaments from the road right-of-way. They will be struck by equipment during plowing and grading.

5. Other

- Resolution was distributed to transfer township duties as the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization to the Nicollet County Board of Appeal and Equalization. Michels/Howe move/second to approve and submit the resolution to the county by the December 1 deadline, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
- The 2023 lease for the Nicollet County building in North Mankato was distributed for discussion. Milbrath/Michels move/second to approve the 2023 lease at an annual cost of \$50 with Nicollet County, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
- An email was received from a resident regarding an annexation of 37 acres west of the Reserve housing development.
- Nicollet County Township Association meeting will be held November 16 in Nicollet.

Milbrath/Michels move/second to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Cheryl Michels, Chair	12/20 /2022 Date
Joan Untiedt, Town Clerk	