

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2023

Nicollet County Human Services Building, North Mankato

Present: Supervisors: Corky Berdan, Bryan Bode, Christopher Frederick, Mary Milbrath,
and Shane Nelson
Town Clerk: Joan Untiedt
Town Treas: John Speckel
Employee: Harlan Olson
Residents: Seven Residents
Guest: Scott Bailey (Roadside Vegetation Management)

Meeting called to order by Chair Bode at 7:00 p.m.

Additions to the agenda include culvert application from Deichman Construction, weights on Kubota, and resident questions at the end of the agenda. Milbrath/Frederick move/second to approve the revised agenda, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Frederick/Nelson move/second to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from board meeting on March 21, claims, and payroll as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Treasurer's report was given by Speckel. The total cash balance as of March 31, 2023 is \$441,116.94. Resident Frank Little questioned whether township funds could be deposited in a CD for gain interest. The board will look at a financial policy for investing in the future. Frederick/Nelson move/second to approve the treasurer's report as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Old Business

1. A meeting was held on April 4th with residents affected by Kern's culvert replacement, Mike Thomas from North Links Golf Course, and emergency department representatives. North Links will allow residents to park in the maintenance shed area and use golf carts to access their homes during the construction. The chain link fence will need to be removed to allow enough access for emergency vehicles if needed. Discussion on responsibility of costs for damage and repair. The county will be requested to send a copy of the contract to the township.
2. MAT spring short course attended by Berdan, Bode, and Nelson.
 - If any residents want to install a paved road, they must pay for the costs up front and be responsible for all maintenance.
 - The township would be responsible for the paved road if the cost is a special assessment with the county.
 - Conflict of Interest policy is not required as it is covered by state statutes.

- LRP has \$80M available to apply for funding but only for projects shovel ready.
 - League of Minnesota cities are not required to have a chain saw certification.
3. No update on Freightliner truck replacement delivery.
 4. The written estimate of a snow pusher/ditch cleaning bucket is \$3,100 from RDO Equipment. The sales representative suggested it is not worth the cost for ditch cleaning. The township should rent an excavator to do that work as needed. The original discussion on this piece of equipment was for use as a snow pusher from stop sign areas. Frederick/Berdan move/second to table for future discussion, approved by supervisors in attendance.
 5. The radiant heater in the shop was repaired by Crystal Valley.
 6. Additional quotes for gravel received from W. Lorentz & Sons, M.R. Paving, EDC Dust Control, and Ground Zero Services. Discussion on type of gravel used in the past and what is best practice for this year. Tabled for decision at the May board meeting.
 7. The road tour will be on Tuesday, April 18 beginning at noon.
 8. Stop signs have been received and installed.
 9. Discussion on dust control contract for this year. Estimates received from Ground Zero Services, EDC Dust Control, SW Dust Treatment, and Deegan Construction. Tabled for decision at the May meeting.
 10. No update on building roof evaluation.
 11. No decision was received on the petition for deferral of special election for the treasurer to 2024.
 12. Town line road agreements with Oshawa Township and Nicollet Township were submitted to the respective townships for review and signature.
 13. Nicollet County Township Association meeting will be April 12th in Nicollet.
 14. Discussion on emergency plan moved to the work session on April 18.

New Business

1. Deichman Construction submitted an application to install a culvert on the end of a cul-de-sac. Nelson and employee Olson will meet to view the location.
2. Weights for the Kubota were approved and ordered over a year ago. They have been received with a cost of \$1,720 that includes installation by Arnold's Implement.
3. MATIT (insurance trust) denied the claim on December 25, 2022 when someone attempted to pass Edward Olson working on the grader. The other driver's insurance company has been threatening Olson.
4. Scott Bailey (Roadside Vegetation Management) discussed weed control for this year. Cost was \$4,680 in 2022 and \$4,360 in 2020. No spraying was done in 2021. The estimate for 2023 should be similar to 2022 cost. He will start spraying in early June. Milbrath/Frederick move/second to approve the contract with RVM for 2023 weed control, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
5. Letter received regarding a project with Nicollet County Historical Society to highlight the history of agriculture in our county.
6. Reminder to supervisors to use MAT-U for webinars and training.
7. Couri & Ruppe Law Office will be presenting a township legal seminar on four different dates throughout the state starting in June.
8. Received a telephone call regarding a deer stand in property owned by the township. The 7.85 acres is in the area where the MN DOT grate was installed. It will be reviewed on the road tour.

9. David Koppendrayer (Timber Lane) ordered trees to plant and asked about the right-of-way and setback requirements. The trees must be planted on his property and not in the right-of-way.

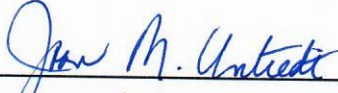
Frederick/Milbrath move/second to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., approved by all supervisors in attendance.



Bryan Bode, Chair

5-9-23

Date



Joan Untiedt, Town Clerk

5-9-23

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