

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 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
Residents: Five Residents

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

Milbrath/Frederick move/second to approve the revised agenda to add equipment repairs, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Milbrath/Berdan move/second to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from board meeting on June 13, claims, and payroll as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Treasurer's report presented by Speckel. The total cash balance as of June 3, 2023, is \$540,247.63. A consolidated statement of receipts and disbursements was distributed for review. Milbrath/Berdan move/second to transfer excess funds not needed for the immediate future to a money market account or certificate of deposit pending research on state statutes and investment rules for local government, approved by all supervisors in attendance. Milbrath/Nelson move/second to approve the treasurer's report as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Old Business

1. Installation of the box culvert in Kern's Estates is nearing completion. The road should be open by the end of July.
2. Deichman culvert has been installed and is waiting for final approval.
3. Excavation for the Matthies culvert has started but not completed.
4. Ltap training schedule was released and will be reviewed for employees' attendance.
5. Distributed a list of recognized state holidays where business cannot be transacted. The board has the discretion on whether to pay employees for the recognized holidays. Currently, eight of the holidays are paid. In the prior year, two additional discretionary days were added for the MLK Day and Washington/Lincoln Day.
6. No update on the Freightliner truck replacement.
7. Freightliner will be listed on MN Bid for sale.
8. Continued discussion on a replacement for the grader. RDO has a 2014 John Deere with 2,700 hours for sale at \$98,000 after trade of current grader with no warranty. A lease could be obtained

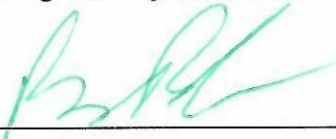
for 72 months at a rate of \$55,000 per year for 6 years with a balloon of \$160,000. Conversation on future dollars for equipment replacement vs. contracting for services. Decision to be made by December whether the township should purchase new equipment or obtain a lease.

9. Nelson is still working on GPS tracking.
10. SW Dust Treatment touched up the hills with dust control.
11. Milbrath distributed information on a machine that could be leased to trim trees up to 20 feet. Other supervisors asked to request a quote from Split Enz Construction to perform the tree trimming. Frederick read the "Resolution Declaring the Town's Intent to Remove Trees from the Right of Way." Frederick/Berdan move/second to adopt the resolution as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance. The following list of areas to be trimmed will be prioritized – Birch Bluff Lane, Minnewaukon, 415th, Deerwood Trail, 409th, 522nd, 391st, Old River Bluff Road, and Gamble hill. Trees need to be trimmed that have branches hitting the township equipment while grading or plowing. Frederick/Milbrath move/second to authorize this list and have employee Olson prioritize the areas to be trimmed and removed as needed for public safety and maintenance by township equipment, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
12. Continued discussion on the process to abandon 526th Street. The board cannot authorize vacation or abandonment of a road or cartway. A petition must be submitted by residents per state statute to start the process.
13. Continued discussion on Cartway 130 and who owns the gate and sign on the gate. The fire department and township attorney will be consulted. Decision is tabled to another meeting.
14. Bode received information on sealcoating an asphalt road which would be \$2.40/square yard and does not include crack sealing. Sealcoating will be done in 2024 if funds are available.
15. A request for proposal of township attorney was received from Kennedy & Graven along with previous proposal from Kennedy & Kennedy and current township attorney. However, Kennedy & Graven did not include their hourly rate. Milbrath will request and bring it to the next meeting.

New Business

1. Equipment repairs are done or in the process:
 - Grader rear tires to be rotated.
 - Grader at Ziegler for Tier 1 maintenance.
 - International had a recall on the brakes.
 - International also needed to check on the water coolant level.
 - Mower has oil leaking out of a cutter unit which would cost \$900 to repair.
 - New mower would cost \$12,500 less trade of the current mower. Recommend replacement in the next year or two.
2. Weed spraying has been completed by Roadside Vegetation Management.
3. Resident Cheryl Michels stated how well the road by her residence held up even though it has not been graded since last fall.
4. Nicollet County Association of Townships meeting will be July 12th at Nicollet Friendship Hall.
5. District 4 meeting of MAT will be held August 9 in Arlington.

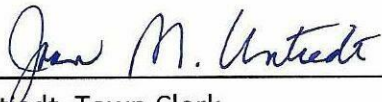
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Bryan Bode, Chair

8-8-23

Date



Joan Untfedt, Town Clerk

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