

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2023

Nicollet County Human Services Building, North Mankato

Present: Supervisors: Corky Berdan, Bryan Bode, Christopher Frederick, and Mary Milbrath
Absent: Shane Nelson
Town Clerk: Joan Untiedt
Town Treas: Absent
Residents: Three Residents

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

Milbrath/Berdan move/second to approve the agenda, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
Frederick/Milbrath move/second to approve the consent agenda including minutes from prior board meeting, claims, and payroll as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Treasurer's report presented by Frederick in the absence of the town treasurer. The quarterly financial statement was distributed for review. Total disbursements exceeded revenue for the 9-month budget by \$881. The total cash balance as of September 30, 2023, is \$527,252.23. Milbrath/Berdan move/second to approve the treasurer's report as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance. Discussion on missing approvals for payroll. Frederick/Berdan move/second to add deputy clerk, deputy treasurer, and Vice-Chair to the bank signature card, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Old Business

1. Kern's east culvert project is complete but still waiting for MN DOT approval.
2. Truck replacement for the Freightliner was reported to start the build on November 15th.
3. Discussion continued on the old Freightliner. Another individual looked at the truck and said it would not pass DOT inspection with the cracked frame. Discussed whether the frame could be welded to get the truck reinspected and use until the new truck is ready. It would be used minimally for sanding the roads. Frederick/Milbrath move/second to authorize fixing the frame on the Freightliner not to exceed \$5,000 in order to pass DOT inspection, approved by all supervisors in attendance. Berdan will look for a mobile welder or tow to a shop for the repair.
4. Grader will be taken in for routine maintenance now while Olson is using the rented Bobcat for tree trimming. It should also be inspected to ensure there are no repairs necessary before the winter season begins.
5. No decision on contracting for snow removal since a third quote has not been received to date.

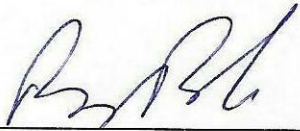
6. Olson started on the tree trimming on Minnewaukon. It is going very well with several residents stopping Olson to tell him how good it looks and needed for a long time. This machine is doing what two men would do manually with a chain saw and chipper. Discussion on the purchase of this type of machine to use by the township as needed. Our JR410G has the hydraulics necessary and could use an attachment for trimming.
7. Reference was check on Brian Jackson to perform road training for township representatives on 526th Street. He is very fussy about equipment which must not have any repair needed. Jason Femrite from Bolton & Menk can do the engineering work to submit an LRIP application for this project. Milbrath has submitted a list of locations for LRIP funding. Discussion on the locations and road needs.
8. Owners on 391st Lane found an easement on the road. However, it has not been recorded since 1920. We were told to contact our township attorney and get the township road recorded with a utility easement. Since we have been maintaining the road, it should not be difficult to record and get in the county books. Frederick/Berdan move/second to engage the township attorney to get the road recorded legally, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
9. Discussion on other areas that ae difficult for the bus and our equipment to turn around. It includes Valley View and Purrier Court.
10. No update on the attorney's response to the letter regarding Cartway 130.
11. Clement variance request was denied by the county. They had petitioned for an after-the-fact reduction of a setback for their garage. No one is aware of the next steps for this resident.
12. MAT annual conference will be December 7-9 in Saint Cloud.
13. Reminder the special election is on Tuesday, November 7th. Blue Earth County has been contracted to administer the election. The election is for a school referendum. Absentee and early voting are available at the county office.

New Business

1. Ltap training schedule is out for 2024. Olson should review the offerings and see if there is any training opportunity for him. Suggestion from resident that Olson should attend the fall expo in Saint Cloud at the MN DOT facility next October.
2. The annual mileage report for 41 miles in the township will be signed by Bode and submitted to the county.
3. Resident Sneer called regarding the installation of their private driveway for construction of a new home. The culvert was approved and installed in 2020. Olson said they needed to make more of a slope by the culvert.
4. Frederick/Milbrath move/second to approve the LP contract with Crystal Valley for the next year, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
5. Frederick distributed his red-line version of the orderly annexation agreement he is proposing for the City of North Mankato. Frederick spoke with the mayor of the city who indicated they would like to move quickly due to their development plans for the city. Frederick/Berdan move/second to approve the red-line draft of the agreement to send to the City of North Mankato for review, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

6. MAT-U training through MAT will continue to be free to the township through 2024.
7. Nicollet County Association of Townships meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15th at the Nicollet Legion beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned by Bode at 8:25 p.m.



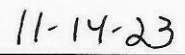
Bryan Bode, Chair



Date



Joan Untiedt, Town Clerk



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