

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2024

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: John Speckel  
Residents: Seven Residents

Meeting called to order by Chair Frederick at 7:30 p.m.

Milbrath/Bode move/second to approve the agenda, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

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

Treasurer's report presented by Speckel. The total cash balance as of December 31, 2023, is \$445,766.52.

Milbrath/Bode move/second to approve the treasurer's report as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Old Business

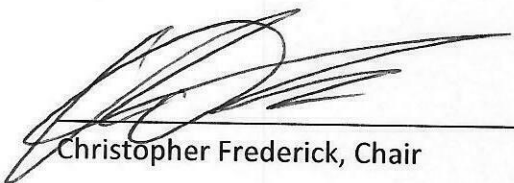
1. Delineators have been installed on Kern's Drive East except for some reflectors on the top. Seth Greenwood from Nicollet County was contacted regarding the \$20,000 invoice due to the county. Greenwood provided details on the county expenses and the commitment of the township. The question was asked if the township could seek reimbursement of the fees paid directly to Stonebrooke Engineering.
2. Speckel will provide an addendum to the employee handbook to address the Minnesota Earned Sick and Safe Time that went into effect January 1, 2024.
3. The new 2024 International truck was taken by NCI to Crysteel to begin building. Expect delivery in 3-4 weeks.
4. Berdan is doing a review of the equipment and timeline for replacements. A recap will be provided to the residents at the annual meeting.
5. Discussion on the resolution of 391<sup>st</sup> Lane and easement agreement with the landowner. Bolton & Menk marked the suggested turnaround. Landowner Schlueter is requesting reimbursement for the easement. The town attorney was contacted, and he said it is discretionary with the board. Another resident in the area called to support the turnaround due to the safety of kids and the school bus using the road.

6. Frederick has not had the opportunity to discuss the turnaround with residents on Minnewaukon Drive.
7. LRIP applications were submitted by Bolton & Menk for 526<sup>th</sup> and 496<sup>th</sup> Streets with no update at this time.
8. Discussion on the resolution prepared by the township attorney to barricade the road on Cartway 130. Frederick read the entire resolution for the audience. Joe Lorentz made comments on the resolution and asked the board to find a different solution. Frederick related the need to adhere to the attorney's recommendation. Bode/Berdan move/second to table until the next meeting until supervisor(s) can visit with the landowners, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
9. Olson cleaned up the road ditches from the recent tree trimming.
10. MN DOT was contacted after the last meeting to clean out the grate on Timber Lane. To date it is not done and will be called again.
11. Discussion on the lights for the hills. It is not cost effective to do an app on phone. Two companies were called for quotes:
  - M & R Signs cost is \$360-\$375 per light which includes the remote (need 6 lights).
  - Empco Lite cost is \$400 per light plus \$75 for each remote.
  - Bode/Berdan move/second to accept the quote from M & R Signs to purchase the necessary 6 lights and remotes and use the current lights that work as a backup, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
12. Kato Lawn also submitted a quote for contracted snow removal. Bode/Berdan move/second to contract with Kato Lawn as needed, approved by all supervisors in attendance.
13. City of North Mankato returned the annexation agreement with comments. The main point is the tax reimbursement options. They suggested an 8-year declining value percentage of reimbursements OR 100% value times eight at the time of annexation in a lump sum payment. Discussion on the comments. Frederick will contact the city manager to discuss.

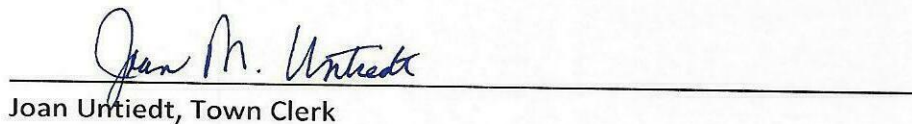
New Business

Bode/Milbrath move/second to hold the Board of Audit meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, before the regular monthly meeting, approved by all supervisors in attendance. The regular monthly meeting will follow the adjournment of the Board of Audit meeting.

Milbrath/Bode move/second to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

  
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 Christopher Frederick, Chair

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