

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 13, 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  
Employee: Harlan Olson  
Residents: Five Residents

Meeting called to order by Chair Frederick at 7:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Milbrath had a question about claims; therefore, claims were removed from the consent agenda.

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

Milbrath questioned the charge from One Step GPS on the credit card. Berdan said there are issues with the setup of the GPS system and is not completed. Nelson had previously told Untiedt a credit would be coming for the months it was not operational, but it has not been done. Berdan will call the company regarding credit and the necessary equipment. Milbrath/Berdan move/second to approve the claims as presented with the understanding the credit will come from One Step, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Treasurer's report presented by Speckel. The total cash balance as of January 31, 2024, is \$401,733.02. Bode/Milbrath move/second to approve the treasurer's report as presented, approved by all supervisors in attendance.

Old Business

1. The employee handbook will be amended for the Minnesota Earned Sick and Safe Time and presented for approval at the next meeting.
2. Crysteel is starting on the 2024 International truck on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. GPS System was previously discussed with Berdan to call the company.
4. Grader replacement was discussed at the Board of Audit meeting while discussing the cost to include in the levy.

5. The easement and turnaround for 391<sup>st</sup> Lane will require more work than anticipated. Supervisors will review the area during the annual road tour in April before moving forward.
6. No update on Minnewaukon turnaround.
7. LRIP applications are in review and awards will be announced in April.
8. Resolution to barricade Cartway 130 from the gate is tabled to next meeting.
9. MN DOT has not cleaned out the grate on Timber Lane. Milbrath will call again.
10. New lights have been installed and working on the hills.
11. Frederick had a discussion with the City of North Mankato regarding the proposed Orderly Annexation Agreement.
  - Discussed language on the clause for other reasons to annex land when surrounded by city property.
  - Discussed language on the development of property after land is annexed but then the property does not get developed as planned. No city services would be installed on the land and possible de-annexation.
  - Tax reimbursement rate was proposed on a graduated scale by the city over 8 years. However, the city would add an option to pay in a lump sum for smaller amount to avoid tracking for 8 years.
  - Shared roads by city and township would be turned over to the city for maintenance.
12. Newsletters were mailed to 520 landowners.

### New Business

1. Discussion on the purchase of a tree trimming rotary mulcher. Zieger presented a quote of \$25,000 (plus \$2,000 for a case drain line) for a Diamond mulcher. A CAT mulcher costs \$26,300. Milbrath will secure two written quotes to consider at the next meeting.
2. Bode shared information from the fire department on the budget for 2025. It increased from \$122,600 to \$126,600. A grant application was submitted again for the purchase of a new pumper truck estimated to cost \$800,000. The department is considering a rent-to-own agreement to divide the cost over 10 years. The annual meeting will be held on February 26, 2024.
3. Milbrath listened to an online seminar from the National Center for Road Safety. She has information about the annual road tour duties. When repairs are identified, they must be taken care of immediately.
4. Nicollet County said the bridge on Old River Bluff Road will not be started for 1-3 years. They are in the preliminary planning stages.
5. An accident was on Old River Bluff Road on January 27<sup>th</sup>. A driver went off the road around midnight and struck a tree. Milbrath was called (who called Olson) regarding the tree covering the road. Olson removed the tree.
6. Construction will be done in the summer/fall of 2024 on County Road 6. There will be intermittent closures on 409<sup>th</sup> Street and 415<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
7. The annual road tour will be April 9, 2024, by the supervisors starting at noon. Berdan will rent a van as in past years for the tour.
8. MATIT has extended our insurance policies from March 1 to July 1 at no additional cost.

9. Reports for the annual meeting are due from supervisors as soon as possible.
10. MAT-U will be free to the board members through 2024. Encouraged town boardr to utilize the training available from MAT.
11. The spring short course for town board members will be on March 20, 2024, in Mankato. As part of the meeting, supervisors can vote on the proposed by-law changes for MAT. Milbrath will attend and others are encouraged to also participate.
12. Township Day at the Capitol will be April 8 and 9. MAT is offering 15 bus routes to take board members to the capitol.
13. Nicollet County Association of Townships meeting will be April 24 at the Nicollet American Legion building.
14. Public Officials Leadership Training will be held at South Central College on September 25, 2024. It is sponsored by Blue Earth County and Nicollet County sheriffs' offices.

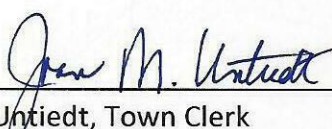
Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



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Christopher Frederick, Chair

3/19/24  
Date



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Joan Untiedt, Town Clerk

3-19-2024  
Date