

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2024

Nicollet County Human Services Building, North Mankato

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

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

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

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

Treasurer Speckel was not in attendance; therefore, an updated report will be given at the April meeting.

Old Business

1. Two culvert installations were completed in 2023. Nelson to sign off on the approval of the installations.
2. 2024 International truck will be delivered in approximately 7 weeks.
3. No credit has been received from GPS OneStep. Nelson reported a credit was posted last week for \$27.90 (but not on the township credit card to date). He is working with the company to get the remaining credit promised and posted to our account. Untiedt was instructed to call the credit card company to stop the ACH payment of this monthly charge until resolved.
4. Berdan and Olson will be looking at the proposed grader replacement options and discuss them at the next meeting.
5. Quotes were received from Sanco Equipment and Ziegler for purchasing a rotary mulcher for the excavator. They are not comparable due to different sizes. Milbrath to call and get quotes for both 30" and 50" along with an additional quote from RDO Equipment.
6. The annual road tour (April 9 starting at noon) will be looking at a number of items under discussion including the easement on 391st Lane for a turnaround.
7. No update on Minnewaukon turnaround proposal.
8. No response to date on the LRIP applications.
9. Frederick working on due diligence items for the resolution to barricade the portion of the road behind the gate on Cartway 130.


10. Grate on Timber Lane is not cleaned out yet, MN DOT informed Milbrath it will be done soon.
11. Frederick reviewed the annexation agreement with the City of North Mankato. We have concerns about paragraph 8(b)(i) regarding an automatic annexation if property is surrounded by city property after 3 years. Frederick will contact the city to discuss. Once this change is made, it will be ready for a public hearing.
12. MAT short course in Mankato is March 20th. In addition to the educational programs, voting will be done by township officers on the proposed MAT bylaws.
13. Township Day at the Capitol will be April 8 and 9.
14. Nicollet County Association of Townships will hold their next meeting on April 24 at Nicollet Legion. There will be a speaker from Finland discussing biodigester.

New Business

1. Discussion on gravel quotes for the upcoming year. Letters were received from Minnesota Paving Materials and Holtmeier Construction. Also requested a quote from Lorentz Construction. Olson said to hold off deciding until the next meeting because we will not have any gravel needs until late April. Olson liked the gravel received from Lorentz last year, he said it was of a better quality. M. R. Paving will also be contacted to provide a quote.
2. Quotes will be requested to chip seal the asphalt roads on Honeysuckle Lane, Birch Bluff, and Purrier Court. Since North Links Golf Course does not want to maintain the road next to them, 415th Avenue will be ground up and returned to gravel.
3. Dust control quotes will be reviewed at the next meeting.
4. Reflectivity of signs will be reviewed on the road tour and look at those needing replacement.
5. Olson discussed his reclaiming of gravel from ditches after approval from Berdan to try it. Pictures were circulated to look at the results. Olson also provided information and pictures from Enz Construction that uses a disc to break up the gravel before grading. Nicollet County estimated that Olson saved 100-150 tons of gravel per mile by doing the reclaiming. Discussion on purchasing a disc, hiring a company with a disc, or just continue with blading. Supervisors agreed to have Olson continue with just blading at this time.
6. Garbage has been noted in ditches throughout the township. Residents are asked to monitor and clean up around their property. Call the sheriff if the resident sees or knows the culprit.
7. Milbrath attended a webinar on Resilience Improvement Plan. The speaker was concerned about our area regarding ravines, hills, etc. We were told to work with Soil & Water to assist with problems that are seen. He was concerned about what a fire could do to the landscape.
8. Tuesday Talk topics are recorded through MAT and can be reviewed at any time on their website.
9. Frank Little shared a discussion with another township that received federal funding for gravel and road maintenance. Frederick said Nicollet County did not have any funds available to be a conduit for the townships.
10. Carolyn Nelson shared the appreciation they had for working on a turnaround for 391st Lane. They currently cannot have their children ride the bus because Mankato Public Schools refuses to let the bus come down the lane due to the safety (buses have gone in the ditch multiple times). She also asked the board to reconsider the "rocks" that are currently on their road. The township had

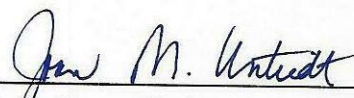
switched to using quartzite to give more traction on hills and certain areas. They have had to replace tires 3 times in the past 2 years due to the sharp rock cutting the tires. It will be reviewed again for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Christopher Frederick, Chair

4/9/24
Date



Joan Untiedt, Town Clerk

4-9-24
Date