

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE
May 9th, 2017

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for May was held on May 9th, 2017 at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices in North Mankato. Chairman Craig Smith, Supervisor Mary Milbrath, Supervisor Randy Gish, Supervisor Tim Lorentz, Supervisor Tom Langdon, Treasurer Richard Timm and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Harlan Olson, Dave Chambers, Kathy Langdon and Eric Miller.

Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Craig called for Additional Agenda Items and Approval of Agenda. Mary made a motion to approve the additional agenda items. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The minutes from the April 11th 2017 meeting were reviewed. A revision was made to the treasurer's report. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Richard Timm was not able to give the Treasurer's Report. Pioneer Bank is in the process of making some changes to the account. He will give both months reports at the next meeting. Lori will be going to the bank May 10th to discuss the changes and request mailed statements going forward.

Claims were reviewed from April 2017, as well as April's payroll. Randy made a motion to approve the claims and payroll. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Progress in hiring a Part Time employee – Craig said this is still a work in progress. Lori will put on website. Tim informed the board he will not be doing part-time work for the township any more. Mary reported that she has received information regarding the upcoming Census. She has an on-line webinar on Thursday. The material she read indicated that there will be approximately 20 additional hours of work as well.

Lori spoke with the accounting firm that will be doing the external audit and they projected getting started in mid to late June.

NEW BUSINESS

Eric Miller attended tonight's meeting to explain the objective of their jobs for the watershed program for Nicollet County-Seven Mile Creek and how Belgrade Township is involved. His presentation included handouts. One of our township residents, Karen Fredricks, contacted to them regarding major erosion (big blow outs) in their ravine. They inquired about grants. Randy said the board met out there 3 years ago to talk about how to reroute watershed. Belgrade township needs to commit money toward fixing erosion on the roadway. Eric said the grant is called an Accelerated Implementation Grant. Randy made a motion to commit to an amount up to \$7,500, Mary second. The motion passed. Eric will attempt to give us hard numbers by the July meeting.

Mary reached out to Nate Henry from the Nicollet County Agriculture Department (noxious weed department). – He told Mary you need to be certified to spray for noxious weed if your using a restricted chemical. Craig and Tim confirmed that the township does not use restricted chemicals.

Mary is checking to see if there are grants for broadband for townships. She said there are numerous grants out there. Randy said Consolidated Communications has sought after the grants for improved broadband capabilities.

City of North Mankato sent the board an Annexation request – Robert and Ronald Timm of Timm Farms. It involves 50.134 acres. Tom made a motion to sign papers for annexation of said property. Randy seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lori and Richard need to get a Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer to fill in if they're unavailable – They will have someone contacted by the next meeting.

Old River Bluff Rd – ditches are silt filled below Chris Knowls. Tim spoke with him and Chris is fine with whatever type of digging needs to be done. Dave Chambers suggested using fabric under Rip Rap.

Jordan Smith culvert – he said to go ahead and put in another culvert.

Zeigler – Any board member should be able to speak with them regarding township equipment. The Maintenance Agreement with them is a done deal (expired).

Craig addressed the culvert and washout by Minnewaukin (close to town resident Cole's driveway). Culverts need to be realigned, reattached, fill in washout with clay. Craig made a motion to have Crystal Construction do necessary repairs. Tim seconded. The motion passed.

ADJOURN @ 8:08

Tom/Mary

Craig Smith, Chairman

Date

Lori Cullen, Clerk
