

**BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE
March 20th, 2018
MINUTES**

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for March was held on March 20th, 2018 at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices in North Mankato. Chairperson Mary Milbrath, Supervisor Craig Smith, Supervisor Randy Gish, Supervisor Tom Langdon, Supervisor Tim Lorentz, Treasurer Richard Timm and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Jason Kuester (Ground Zero), Kristin Gunsolus (Molitor Annexation) Harlan Olson (FT Maintenance employee), Joan Untiedt, and Paul Prahl.

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

The minutes from the February 13th, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Tom made a motion to approve the February minutes with revision. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Richard Timm gave the Treasurer's Report for February. There is \$13,183.02 in the Checking account, \$11,798.86 in the Platinum account and \$472,298.00 in the ICS account as of February 28th, 2018. Deposits for the month were: \$27,450.94 from Nicollet County for the gas tax and two deposits from cartway petitions acknowledged on the January minutes. Randy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mary asked for any additional agenda items and Approval of Agenda. Randy made a motion to approve the amended agenda with Kristen Gunsolus added. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Claims were reviewed from February 2018, as well February payroll. Tom made a motion to accept February claims and payroll. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Kamath from Gisalason & Hunter provided the board with updates regarding two cartway petitions.

Burnett Cartway Hearing update – Resolved. The Burnett's bought Wild Rose Rd from the Olson's. A copy of the deed has been provided to the township attorney's office.

Schwickert Cartway Hearing update – The Schwickerts considered what the board said regarding the cartway. They have come up with a new location that does not affect the Kloosters property and are requesting a consent agreement from the Kloosters. The Kloosters may be agreeable to a consent agreement, but with a few conditions. 1) Approved only for new location only; any change in location by Schwickerts or any subsequent buyer of the property would result in a requirement for a new petition to be submitted and then approved by the board. 2) Maintenance and any building expenses would not fall on the township. 3) If the cartway is not built within two years the Schwickerts would need to file a new petition for approval with the township. The board felt these conditions were reasonable and generous, allowing two years instead of one. Randy made a motion to pass the cartway petition including the Kloosters conditions with the addition of the board restating that the township bears no expense of building or maintenance of the cartway. Tom seconded. Motion to approve passed.

There was no other discussion on the following Old Business: Joan Timm letter / Vice Chair / Mail Ballot Voting

NEW BUSINESS

Cartway updates – Addressed under Old Business.

Kristin Gunsolus representing the Molitors. Oshawa heard the petition for annexation to Oshawa township. Main reason is because the town line runs right through his pole shed. His well also sits right on that line. Oshawa Township approved the request for Annexation at their February Board Meeting. They had a survey done and the new township line would follow 470th Street. It's 7.45 acres would be annexed up. Tom made a motion to approve the annexation as requested. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Dust Control – Jason, from Ground Zero, submitted quotes for gravel and dust control. Pricing will be the same as last year. Home owners is \$0.90 per foot. Magnesium Chloride is really the best product and more environmentally

friendly than Chlorinated product, which has more salt. Tim made a motion to accept the dust control pricing for the residents. Randy seconded the motion, the motion passed. The three hills take about 8,000 – 9,000 gallons. Craig said we won't need dust control on the hills because we'll be using a new product on the hills that's supposed to ease erosion and be less dusty. The product is from SMC and is called 1" minus. Craig has talked to a couple of other townships and they've had excellent luck with it. Jason said that product is very sandy. Tim suggested using the new product on only one hill to see if it does what it's supposed to. There was a lot of discussion on the gravel. Craig made a motion to not use dust control on the hills. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Jason said he would have a few thousand extra gallons of dust control if we find we need some. He would honor the quote price. Craig said SMC is charging \$2.75/ton for their product. Craig made a motion to use the 1" minus on the roads and hills this year. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed with Tim opposed.

Levy Designations - Craig would like to have \$150,000 always in our General Fund. The board anticipates cleaning the culverts on Old River Bluff Road may come close to \$100,000 and the Kearn's culvert another \$100,000. Joan said when the board is asking for a levy amount we need to show a proposal on where/how it is going to get spent. The levy breakdown is \$75,000 – General Fund; \$236,000 – Road & Bridge Fund; \$49,700 – Equipment Replacement Fund.

Gravel (MAT Magazine) – Mary mentioned the possibility of using the product (shingles) that was mentioned in the MAT Magazine. Tim spoke with Ben Wendal about putting shingles in the gravel mix. He was told that the hauling is way too expensive. Mary said all of Jackson County has it on their roads. Harlan said Sibley County is using it, too.

Spring Training for the Board is tomorrow in Mankato. Mary will be going.

Luca Census – Mary will do another webinar on Friday.

Board of Equalization and Appeals Meeting is on Thursday, April 12th at 6 PM

Grants and Infrastructure meeting is also on April 12th from 10am – 4pm.

Nicollet County Township meeting. Mary reminded the board that it's our turn to provide the food.

OTHER BUSINESS

Paul said the red rock granite that the township uses on its roads sometimes gets in tires and creates holes. It ruins tires. The board explained that there have been a few batches that tend to do that in the past. It's the one thing that grips. If we use salt sand the roads would be slop. We changed the size which seemed to help. Pea rock offers no grip because it's round. Limestone freezes up.

Craig nominated Mary from the board to have a vote / proxy on the Huntley Wilmarth power lines. If the lines can't go east, then they should follow the existing lines on the farthest west path.

ADJOURN

Randy made a motion to adjourn. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Mary Milbrath, Chair

Date

Lori Cullen, Clerk