

BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE
April 10th, 2018
MINUTES

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for April was held on April 10th, 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 Harlan Olson, and several township residents, as listed on the sign in sheet.

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

Mary called for additional agenda items which included signage on roads, update on red rock on the hills and approval of the agenda. Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randy made a motion to approve the March 20th Meeting Minutes. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Randy made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 26th meeting for the portion that contained approval of the gravel and dust control. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed with Craig opposing.

Richard Timm gave the Treasurer's Report for March. There is \$12,323.06 in the Checking account, \$13,183.69 in the Platinum account and \$457885.42 in the ICS account as of March 31st, 2018. There was one deposit for the month of March: \$5,013.65 from the City of North Mankato 3 year taxes from an annexation (BCD Properties LLC and Ray and Grace Tagels). Mary inquired about CDs. Randy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Tom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Cartway updates – The supervisors had to sign a letter at Gislason & Hunter stating the Schwickert Cartway is still denied. There was a 60-day clause that could have compromised the denial if the letter had not been sent. The Schwickert's attorney has not returned phone calls or messages from the township's attorney, Chris Kamath. The Burnett Cartway issue has been resolved between Harlan Olson Sr and Mr. Burnett. Once attorney fees, hours and mileage have been tabulated the township will give the remaining balance of the earnest money back to Mr. Burnett. There was no further discussion on the following old business. Dust Control – Jason (Ground Zero); Levy Designations; Gravel (MAT Magazine); Spring Training for Board tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS

Townships are no longer supposed to spray any weeds at all. Spraying is done by special licensed Minnesota Department of Agriculture Department according to MN Statute 18.75-18.91 We are to notify them through Tim, who is the weed control supervisor.

Mowing the first 8 feet of the ditch can be done anytime. The remainder of ditch is to be mowed only between August 1st to August 31st. Statute 160.232. Tim will reconfirm that noxious weeds can be mowed any time. Cheryl Olson asked if the township pays and if it's been budgeted for.

The township FT Employee is paid for Regular Board Meeting attendance. If the board doesn't require his attendance due to other agenda items, the chairperson will let him know. He may elect to attend unpaid.

Road Tour is tentatively set for April 17, 2018 @ 6:00 pm, weather permitting. Richard asked that we look at the end of his driveway.

Mary needs help with the census. Tim said he could help. She's still not sure if it is door to door or not. Hopefully she'll get more information at Thursday's meeting. Tom said he can help, too.

To prevent another issue like what happened on March 26th, please send a “reply all” response saying you received the email. We need to work on effective ways to communicate. If someone doesn’t reply then perhaps follow up with a phone call.

There are some road maintenance concerns. Tim addressed 3 pass grading gets things mixed in more. Harlan explained that he currently makes two passes to keep a crown on the road. The training Harlan went to said to keep doing it the same way as before. Tim said just try to go deeper when grading. Craig sent Harlan to the Nicollet County training to see if he was doing it right. Harlan referred to an August meeting and Loren Lindsey. Tom summarized and made a motion to go with the Nicollet County recommendations and see how the new product helps out. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Craig said he’s been petitioned by some residents. Charlie Smith asked if the township is going to put in some box culverts in by the spillway and put a turn-around by there. The board can look at it and discuss options after the road tour. There may be a requirement to get a permit from the DNR. Mary asked if it is open to the public. Craig said it is gated and locked. Richard brought up a minimum maintenance road that goes back to Ray Thorne’s that needs rock.

The board will look at the culvert issues on the road tour. Old River Bluff road has one that’s about to collapse according to Craig.

Mary went through a list of meetings the board should be aware of. It is Belgrade township’s responsibility to provide food for the county wide township meeting this month. Mary said to plan for 45. Richard thought 60. Tom will pick up the food from HyVee.

Nicollet County said Borgen can seal cracks on the township blacktops for about 15,000. Tom made a motion to have Borgen do the blacktop maintenance. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mary will try to contact the golf course and request assistance in paying for their stretch of blacktop.

Harlan checked with the state on signage for the road going past Richard Timm’s. That road meets the state minimum requirements to require signs. They will put the signs in.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dates for the Board of Appeal Meeting. Mary reminded the board that we’ll need a quorum

Mary said there are 5 people, including herself, on the task force for the Huntley Wilmarth power line project. Mary and Craig will each attend one of the upcoming meetings.

Craig Smith said the warranty on the grader expiring. Zeigler offers two options to renew the warranty: 24 months for \$5,313 or 36 months for \$8,924 Randy made a motion to do the 36 months. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The only rock that has been bought for Belgrade Township is the ¾” rock for winter. Harlan spoke with NUQQ and 1” was not purchased.

Randy made a motion to adjourn. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Mary Milbrath, Chair

Date

Lori Cullen, Clerk