

**BELGRADE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NICOLLET COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE
July 11th, 2017**

The Belgrade Township regular monthly meeting for July was held on July 11th, 2017 at the Nicollet County Satellite Offices in North Mankato. Chairman Craig Smith, Supervisor Mary Milbrath, Supervisor Randy Gish, Treasurer Richard Timm and Clerk Lori Cullen were present as well as Harlan Olson, Attorney Alex Johnson, Jen & Jason Kuester from Ground Zero, Eric Miller, Jaci Zellmer and Chris Frederick.

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

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

The minutes from the June 13th 2017 meeting were reviewed. Randy made a motion to approve the minutes. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Richard Timm gave the Treasurer's Report for June. There is \$4,427.71 in the Checking account, \$9017.60 in the Platinum account and \$453,755.20 in the ICS account as of June 30th, 2017. Mary made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Claims were reviewed from June 2017, as well as June's payroll. Mary made a motion to accept the June claims. Randy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

SAS (Census) update – Mary finally got ahold of them and they updated our address. They estimate completing the Census will take approximately 20 hours of work.

MN Development & Economic Grants for roads – Mary went to their seminar. This grant doesn't really apply to us. It's for bigger infrastructures. They said to check with the county regarding grants. Eric addressed watershed program grants. They will be lining up a stakeholder meeting, hopefully before the end of July. Randy suggested Eric comes up with some "grant matching" costs and report back to us so we can get it on the ballot (but not before bringing it to a vote at the next Annual Town Meeting).

DEED – Mary called Cory. He is looking at a grant for wireless. He would like our support both verbally and in writing. Mary participated in a webinar with Diane Wells. Diane explained that they are not working with wireless, but with hard wire. Mary received an email from Pam Lurky. They declined the hardwire grant. Wireless is cheaper and still potentially an option. Randy made a motion to draft letter of support highlighting the points Cory brought up, pass it around and send it. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Huntley-Wilmarth Transmission Line Project - Craig attended their meeting. They don't have specifics on where they are going to place it yet. The meeting was more of an inquiry to become aware of anything that might obstruct their path.

Attorney Alex Johnson (annexation Lawyer) – He brought an engagement letter. His rate is \$225/hour. Randy made a motion to accept it, but not make a motion to pass it until the next meeting. Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Lori brought a printed copy of an email from Alan Hiniker. He was inquiring about a road connecting to his mother's property years ago. Randy said if there has been no road maintained for 7 years then there is no longer a road. We know of no intentions or easements.

The township was sent a large bill from City of North Mankato. Mary brought contract that stated Belgrade Township will not be responsible for the expenses laid out in the claim. Mary confirmed via a phone call that it was an error made by the City of North Mankato that we were sent a bill.

Belgrade Township received a bill from Nicollet County due to Redetermination Levy's. It must be paid before the end of the year.

There was nothing new regarding the 2017 Census update.

The DEED/Broadband information was discussed as part of Old Business.

Dust Control Update – Ground Zero will probably apply the 2nd application around July 24th, depending on weather conditions.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Randy made a motion to adjourn. Craig seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned @ 7:50pm.

Craig Smith, Chairman

Date

Lori Cullen, Clerk