

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

February 7, 2017

BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP HALL
25130 HICKORY BLVD., BELLE PLAINE, MN

Present:

Robert Koenig – Chairman	Dale Stier – Supervisor	Gary Schmitz – Supervisor
Myron Bratsch – Treasurer	Wendy Kornder – Deputy Clerk	Greg Felt – Township Engineer

Others Present: Mayor Chris Meyer, Cynthia Smith-Strack, Commissioner Weckman Brekke, Kevin Slack & Ted Kornder

1.) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bob Koenig at 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the January 2017 Board Meeting minutes were presented, on a motion by Stier, seconded by Schmitz, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s report as presented, on a motion by Schmitz, seconded by Stier, all in favor, motion carried, with the following January 2017 balances:

Checking	\$747.96
MM/State Bank BP	\$355,878.41
Total:	\$356,626.37

Receipts: \$14,371.92

2.) Walk In /Agenda Requests:

Annexation - Cynthia presented two maps along with property information regarding 2 parcels for annexation of land.

Parcel #19050120: Approximately 4.50 acres for J & W Asphalt, Shawn Johnson would like consolidate his two business locations. One would be moving from Burnsville which would bring about 40 jobs to City of Belle Plaine & Scott County. There is no petition at this time; J & W Asphalt is still putting numbers together to ensure this will work for them. If J & W Asphalt decides to move ahead they would like to start building this fall. Cynthia gave the Township Board a check for the half of the fee for tax reimbursement of parcel # 19120110 (Cricket Field) which was \$1861.55 for 12 acres at \$310.00. Cynthia will have a check for other half which will be approximately \$1250.00.

Parcel # 19120110: Approximately 12 acres, Sengupta Sabyasachi would like to develop a Commercial Recreational Field for cricket, soccer and lacrosse.

Cynthia requested a date for a joint meeting to be held at Council Chambers, she will be in contact with Clerk, Kristy Bieder to see what dates at 7:00 p.m. work best for Myron Bratsch and Bob Koenig.

Dahlgren Township vs. State Update- The hearing was January 10, 2017 and a final decision is due back by April 10, 2017. The City of Belle Plaine has appealed and are asking for reconsideration with additional information.

3.) Road Report/Issues:

Bob mentioned that there is a “Stop Ahead Sign” on 255th bent over that needs to get fixed.

Dale Stier reviewed his roads and noted the following:

- 263rd Street W – needs gravel
- 270th Street W – needs gravel east of Church Avenue
- 260th Street W – ¼ mile west of County 7 needs gravel
- 263rd Street W – needs gravel west of Fabor Avenue
- Galena Ave. S – needs gravel

Dale has concerns that Laredo has had several semi-trucks that haul heavy loads. Gary will get a 5 Ton Limit sign to get posted, hopefully this will decrease the amount of semi traffic on this road.

Murphy Lane & Melody Lane are on the list for crack sealing through the County.

4.) Other Business:

CenterPoint Energy- Bob Ruppe suggested that the Township Board consider taking the settlement offered by CenterPoint Energy because said legally they only have to cover for 2 years. We will need to change our policy & have areas scoped. The culvert needs work.

Valley View Golf Course Meeting- The holding pond was a discussion and LeRoy Chard is willing to keep the liability, he is not worried as this pond is only a 4 foot dike. Greg Felt requested that they do a site line and clear trees to help with the safety issue. LeRoy and Randy both agreed to this. The only item that was approved was that LeRoy Chard and Randy Kubes have meet the criteria for an administration subdivision.

Dale Stier suggested that the County purchase the land for sale for \$2 million. He stated now may be the time for the city or county to buy the land and develop it. Ted Kornder also suggested to do this as a partnership with the school district, city, township(s) and county.

Mowing/Baling- Currently, Commissioner Weckman Brekke said they do not plan on intervening with the baling and mowing along highways. Safety concerns were expressed but permits are not going to be needed at this time.

County Assistance – Gary Schmitz asked Commissioner Weckman Brekke is there anything the County can do to help out the Townships without always charging for everything. Weckman Brekke stated the best thing to do is begin with determining what the Township needs assistance with or how we can utilize the County. Once we have found possible opportunities, we then need to contact her.

Minnesota Renaissance - The plan is to relocate just north of the Jordan Supper Club. There is a Traffic Study being conducted, more information to come.

Murphy Lane – The Township Board has received a bill from Scott County for \$23, 574.40 for the work done on Murphy Lane. Kristy will send a registered letter to John Murphy regarding the bill received.

Spring Clean Up – Last Sunday Myron and Gary picked up garbage in the ditches.

5.) Review and Approval of Claims for Payment:

Motion by Schmitz and seconded by Stier to approve claims for payment, motion carried.

<u>Check</u>	<u>Individual/Business</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Amt.</u>
4466	Dvorak Excavating	Snow Plowing	\$ 3,460.00
4467	Genesis	Propane	\$ 371.71
4468	Scott County Treasurer	Murphy Lane Overlay	\$ 23,574.40
4469	Scott County Treasurer	Treated Salt	\$ 1,911.00
4470	WebCetera Design	Website Maintenance	\$ 25.00

4471	Myron Bratsch	Wages	\$ 1,281.38
4472	Kristy Bieder	Wages	\$ 1,911.65
4473	Gary Schmitz	Wages	\$ 858.02
4474	Robert Koenig	Wages	\$ 1,276.04
4475	Dale Stier	Wages	\$ 596.65
4476	PERA	D.C.P	\$ 341.80
	E.F.T.P.S.		\$ 969.12

TOTAL CHECKS: \$ 36,576.77

6.) Approved Building Permit Applications: The Building Permit Report from Scott County was reviewed.

7.) Meetings Attended: Gary Schmitz attended the Annual Rural Fire Meeting. The levy will be going up \$25,000 so Belle Plaine Townships will be going up \$8,500 more. They will be getting a new Tanker Truck in 2019. Also they will need to be doing some work on one of the other trucks that is rusting out, does not have air or heat in the back. Having air and heat is essential since this is where the fireman store their battery packs & oxygen. The Fire Department also would like to build an additional building/shed in the future.

Myron will need additional information from the Rural Fire Department so he can create a more accurate levy and to discuss at the Annual Audit & Budget meeting in March.

Bob Koenig attended the Jordan Fire Meeting. They do have some concerns regarding the Solar Farms. Commissioner Weckman Brekke said they are hoping to change the ordinance to change the limit to 5 Solar Farms only.

Bob Koenig also attended the SCALE Meeting.

8.) Motion to adjourn: Motion made at 8:50 p.m. by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to adjourn.

Supervisor

Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk