

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING**

July 11, 2017

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

Present:

Robert Koenig – Chairman  
Myron Bratsch – Treasurer

Dale Stier – Supervisor  
Kristy Bieder - Clerk

Gary Schmitz – Supervisor  
Greg Felt – Engineer

Others Present: Jeff Klehr, Sheriff Routh, Linda Hansen, Virginia Hansen and Deputy Routh

**1.) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Bob Koenig at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Checking	\$ 529.16
MM/State Bank BP	\$ 453,010.29
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 453,539.45</b>

Receipts: \$177,791.03

**2.) Walk In Agenda Items:**

Tile Line – Linda and Virginia Hansen were present to get authorization to allow a contractor to go through the easement to repair the drainage tile that runs on their property. Schmitz motioned to give authorization for a contractor to repair the drainage tile on Linda Hansen’s property (at no cost to the Township), seconded by Stier, all in favor, motion carried.

**3.) Road Report/Issues:**

Cul-de-Sacs – We discussed the Cul-de-Sac ordinance that Bob Ruppe with Couri & Ruppe Attorneys at Law was working on with Clerk, Bieder and Greg Felt. The board has decided to go with the ordinance drawn up rather than spending more money revamping it. The ordinance will be signed at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Noxious Weeds – Clerk, Bieder expressed her feelings on the process for noxious weeds. Supervisors need to do their review of the weeds a bit earlier next year so that the board is able to give a better notice than only 7 days to have property owners remove the noxious weeds. Going forward Clerk, Bieder will also contact the county at the same time she contacts the property owner. Clerk, Bieder will also contact Daniel Ekholm to see if Scott County has a “Noxious Weeds” letter to be sent out to property owners.

Stier will contact Commissioner Barbara Weckman Brekke regarding Noxious Weeds.

Jeff Klehr will do one more swat in the township ditches to ensure all thistles are down. Next year we will have the weeds sprayed to actually get rid of them, rather than just mowing them down which actually spreads it. Jeff will get a contact number for the private contractor that does the spraying in the other townships.

Laredo Avenue/19 – Koenig will review the situation with the whole in the road and inform Jeff Klehr if work needs to be done.

Pony Road – Stier motioned to approve Jeff Klehr to move forward with the culvert/apron project, seconded by Schmitz, all in favor, motion carried.

**4.) Other:**

Police Report – Deputy Sheriff, Brady Routh was in attendance to go over the last months’ police report. He also was available for questions such as Neighborhood Watch which Diane Lynch and Linda Hansen are interested in starting this program again.

Township Hall – Greg Felt, Engineer will provide an estimate to replace the siding on the front of the building and fix the windows. If the estimate is less than \$3,000 the board will approve to move forward; if above \$3,000 the board will review the estimate at the August Board Meeting.

**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>
4513	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Grading township roads	\$ 4607.50
4514	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Mowing township ditches	2001.00
4515	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Culvert Clean Out	408.00
4516	Northern Salt Inc.	Dust Control	7872.00
4517	MJ Neisen Paving	Asphalt Patch Laredo Avenue	5600.00
4518	MAT	Short Course Registration	100.00
<b>TOTAL CHECKS:</b>			<b>\$ 20,588.50</b>

**6.) Permit Report:** Reviewed the permit report supplied by Scott County.

**7.) Meetings Attended:** Koenig and Stier attended Ruppe’s Legal Seminar. Schmitz and Stier attended the MAT Training in Mankato.

**8.) Motion to adjourn:** Motion made at 8:35 p.m. by Schmitz and seconded by Stier to adjourn.

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Supervisor

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Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk