

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

Tuesday, December 7 , 2021

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

Board Members Present:

Chairman Tony Kornder, Supervisor Mark Schultz, Supervisor Steve Cox, Treasurer Myron Bratsch and Clerk Kristy Bieder

Others Present: Peggy De Voto, Patrick Wiers, Randy Kubes, Jeff Klehr, Megan Lambrecht and Bill McCue (*via phone*).

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

Approval of the November 2021 Board Meeting minutes were presented, on a motion by Cox seconded by Schultz, all in favor, motion carried.

Approval of the Treasurer's report as presented, on a motion by Schultz seconded by Cox, all in favor, motion carried, with the following balances:

Checking	\$	687.62
Money Market	\$	595,008.77
Certificate of Deposit	\$	158,602.27
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>754,298.66</b>

Receipts: **\$ 157,337.95**

- 2) Review and Approval of Claims for Payment:**

Motion by Cox and seconded by Schultz to approve claims for payment, motion carried.

<u>Check</u>	<u>Individual/Business</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Amt.</u>
5040	Klehr Grading & Excavating	hauling gravel inv. #4706	200.00
5041	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Laredo ditch cleaning inv#4707	9,337.25
5042	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Grading Township roads inv#4708	3,190.00
5043	Couri & Ruppe	Legal representation	55.00
5044	Valley Paving Inc	Prairie Court Street repair	55,061.84
5045	Radarsign Inc	Two Speed Solar Signs Inv#SO11011	7,443.00
5046	Myron Bratsch	Treasurer wages	1,464.77
5047	Kristy Bieder	Clerk wages	2,031.70
5048	Tony Kornder	Chairman wages and mileage	942.04
5049	Steve Cox	Supervisor wages and mileage	841.03
5050	Mark Schultz	Supervisor wages and mileage	836.55
5051	P.E.R.A.	D.C.P. 5% retirement	450.50
5052	E.F.T.P.S.	IRS Tax Payroll	1,025.86

**TOTAL CHECKS**

**\$ 82,879.54**

**3) Walk-In Agenda Requests:**

Solar Garden: Patrick Wiers was in attendance to seek approval from the Township Board to move forward with the 8 acre – 1 Mega Watt Solar Garden project that he began back in 2019. Bill McCue the landowner was in attendance via phone call. Mr. Wiers brought up the fact that the Township recommendation form did not have an expiration date and the only reason the project was on hold was due to the fees that Xcel Energy wanted to move forward. Chairman Kornder stated that all recommendations expire after 1 year of approval. Mr. Wiers is well aware of this as this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> time coming in front of the board for approval of this project. Mr. Wiers stated that there is a large solar garden in Chisago City and the Chisago assessor stated that it does not appear that this has had any negative or positive impact on home sales. The Township Board had put a monetary hold on all solar gardens until more research was done to see how this would affect the value of homes in the area. Chairman Kornder asks that this item be tabled until the next board meeting on Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7:00p.m.

**4) Other Business:**

MVEC Dispute – Cox made a motion to accept the offer to settle. Schultz seconded., Chairman Kornder and Clerk Bieder signed the form accepting the offer from MVEC to settle. Kornder will forward the signed agreement back to Courie & Ruppe.

Tree Trimming Costs – Chairman Kornder spoke with Ted Kornder, Supervisor on the St. Lawrence Township board regarding the cost incurred on trimming trees on the shared township road. St Lawrence denied that the road was shared between Belle Plaine Township and St Lawrence Township. Chairman Kornder will follow up with St Lawrence township again since Belle Plaine Township was only asking for \$2,500.00 of the \$7,187.00 bill that was incurred.

Resident, Linda Hansen who resides on Laredo Avenue contacted Chairman Kornder about her concern with the dirt at the bottom of the ditch. Jeff Klehr stated that he already seeded and finished it with a straw blanket. Chairman Kornder will follow back up with Ms. Hansen.

Chairman Kornder will contact the Townships insurance company regarding possible storm damage on the roof and the solar powered speed limit signs.

**5) Road Reports & Issues:**

No reports or issues

**6) Permit Report:**

No report for November from Scott County

**7) Meetings Attended or Upcoming:**

Re-Organization Meeting on Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 6:00 pm prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Annexation meeting: Myron Bratsch and Tony Kornder attended meeting regarding Stier Heritage.

Scott County Association of Townships: Myron Bratsch and Tony Kornder attended the Scott County Association of Townships meeting . Myron Bratsch was elected as the Clerk and Treasurer

**8) Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made at 8:02 p.m. by Schultz and seconded by Cox

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Chairman, Tony Kornder

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Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk