

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

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

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present: Jeff Klehr and Jim Jeurissen

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

Resignation of David Entinger in the seat of Supervisor C. was announced. Entinger resigned via email on November 20th, 2020 effective November 30th, 2020. The Townships lawyer Bob Ruppe suggested we get Entinger’s email resignation signed. One of the remaining supervisors will contact Entinger to get the resignation email signed and also have his townhall key returned. Entinger did not turn in his timesheet after several requests therefore the choice was made to wait until February 2021 to pay Entinger in hopes that his timesheet would be turned in by that pay period.

Approval of the November 2020 Board Meeting minutes were presented, on a motion by Schultz seconded by Kornder, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Checking	\$	3,067.43
Money Market	\$	490,833.25
Certificate of Deposit	\$	156,555.95
Total:	\$	650,456.63

Receipts: **\$ 128,976.26**

2) Review and Approval of Claims for Payment:

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

<u>Check</u>	<u>Individual/Business</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Amt.</u>
4917	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Grading Roads	\$ 8,856.00
4918	M.A.T.I.T.	Workers Compensation	559.00
4919	Bolton & Menk Engineering	Prairie Court Project	2,364.00
4920	Bolton & Menk Engineering	Prairie Court Project	218.00
4921	New Prague Rural Fire Ass.	Fire Protection – 2 nd half	7,803.45
4922	Couri & Ruppe PLLP	Legal Representation	157.50
4923	Scott County	Street Sign Replacement	1,250.92
4924	Scott County	Covid-19 Return of Funds	666.55
4925	Dave Gordon	November Election Judge	226.15

4926	Maureen Daly	November Election Judge	147.49
4927	Amber Reiter	November Election Judge	207.00
4928	John Purdie	November Election Judge	122.20
4929	Dona Kisor	November Election Judge	132.33
4930	Myron Bratsch	Treasurer Wages	1,261.20
4932	Kristy Bieder	Clerk Wages, Mileage, Expenses	2,417.86
4933	Tony Kornder	Supervisor Wages & Mileage	735.14
4934	Mark Schultz	Supervisor Wages & Mileage	727.80
4935	Robert Koenig	Lawn Cutting from Summer/Fall	57.00
4936	P.E.R.A.	DCP Retirement	301.00
	E.F.T.P.S.	IRS Tax Deduction Payment	827.42

TOTAL CHECKS \$ 29,038.01

3) Walk-In Agenda Requests:

Valley Paving IUP- The board signed a Township Recommendation Form for Valley Paving that will allow them to operate more than 240 hours in a season as is currently allowed. Last year Valley Paving ran 424 hours and did 160,000 tons.

4) Road Reports & Issues:

MVEC Litigation & Counteroffer –As of March 2020 the costs incurred due to MVEC was a total of \$3,722.50 and there have been more expenses since this time. Belle Plaine Township was asking for \$14,500 and MVEC offered to pay \$4,500.00. Chairman Kornder spoke with lawyer Ruppe in regards to a counteroffer with MVEC. After discussing with the board members Chairman Kornder will go back to Ruppe and have him offer to settle for \$9,500.00.

Culvert on 250th Street – Supervisor Schultz and Jim Jeurissen went and discussed the culvert with Herb Artz one of the adjoining landowners. Herb stated the culvert in his field approach is too high to get to the catch basin. Supervisor Schultz doesn't feel the "plugged" culvert is an issue and suggested we "shoot" the culvert to see if the culvert is too high. Previously Supervisor Entinger stated that Bill McCue was okay with this agreement but Supervisors Kornder and Schultz want to table this agenda item until one of them are able to speak directly with Bill McCue. The culvert will be left as is until the conversations are held. If the board does go with removing the culvert, an agreement will be signed by Jim Jeurissen agreeing to pay for the costs prior to the job being performed. Jeff Klehr will "shoot" the culvert to see if it is too high as Artz stated.

Prairie Court/240th Street Pavement Repairs –

The Township Board is NOT setting precedence but will not assess the residents and will absorb the costs due to the fact that no previous maintenance (crack seal and/or seal coating) was done to Prairie and 240th in the past years. Kornder motioned and Schultz seconded on no assessment to residents and to go with the Hybrid option totaling \$65,000 which would be a mill overlay south 2/3 of Prairie Court & reclaim north 1/3.

Treasurer Bratsch suggested we have Bolton & Menk review the project once it's done rather than overseeing the whole project that would cost the township 25% of the project cost.

Drainage Issue – Prairie Court – Engineer Andrew with Bolton & Menk suggested that we hire a contractor to dig and explore because its nearly impossible to estimate the cost. Jeff Klehr is not sure that he is wanting to take this project on, Kornder will follow up with him to determine if they would like to take on this project.

260th Street – The beavers have taken down trees on 260th Street. The county has agreed to trap the beavers. Supervisor Entinger did trim the trees some but it needs a lot more. Supervisors Kornder and Schultz will take care of the tree trimming.

Ditch Mowing- Husker Outdoors did not complete the ditch mowing as requested. There were only 2 passes and, in some areas, there were no attempts to mow. The board requested that Jeff Klehr mow the ditches this week so that the ditches are taken care of properly before the snow comes and roads are full of drifts. Motion by Kornder and seconded by Schultz to approve Jeff Klehr to mow the township ditches with the cost of \$97 per hour.

Crack Seal- In Spring 2021, the following roads will need to be crack sealed: Murphy Lane, Melody Lane and Belle Plaine Trail. Chairman Kornder will contact Neisen Paving from St. Peter in the Spring.

Littering – Delaware Avenue and Goshen Blvd. have been littered on and will need clean up.

5) Other Business:

Township Website – The new Township Website will launch on January 1, 2021 and Doug Crosby will be the host for the website on a Motion by Kornder and seconded by Schultz to approve motion carried.

Policy Request for Public Information – Motion by Kornder and seconded by Schultz to approve and sign the revised policy to request public information.

Safety of Old Outhouse Location – Jeff Klehr will clean up the township yard of stumps , fill in outhouse and level out the yard.

April 2021 Special Election – Supervisor A. (error on year of term) and Supervisor C. (resignation) will both be on a ballot in April 13, 2021 for a special election. Motion by Schultz and seconded by Bieder to approve Kornder to continue filling his seat as Supervisor A. until the Special Election on April 13, 2021, motion carried.

6) Permit Report: Board reviewed the permit report for last month.

7) Meetings Attended or Upcoming: Reorganization Meeting will be held at 6:00 pm prior to the monthly board meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

8) Motion to adjourn: Motion made at 8:30 p.m. by Kornder and seconded by Schultz to adjourn.

Chairman, Tony Kornder

Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk