

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

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

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, Jim Jeurissen, Ted Kornder & Mary Koll

**1) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oath of Office – Mark Schultz was sworn in as Township Supervisor B. and Myron Bratsch was sworn in as Township Treasurer both will hold their positions until December 31, 2024.

Tony Kornder was appointed to fill township Supervisor A. vacancy until April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on a motion by Schultz seconded by Bieder, all in favor, motion carried. Tony Kornder was sworn in as the Interim Township Supervisor A.

Approval of the December 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 Kornder seconded by Schultz, all in favor, motion carried, with the following balances:

Checking	\$	1,072.90
Money Market	\$	470,151.29
Certificate of Deposit	\$	156,555.95
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>627,780.14</b>

Receipts: **\$ 8,138.97**

**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>
4937	Klehr Grading & Excavating	250 <sup>th</sup> Culvert Replacement	\$ 2391.00
4938	Klehr Grading & Excavating	Ditch Mowing	\$ 5177.50
4939	Bolton & Menk Engineering	Township Meeting	\$ 225.00
4940	Couri & Ruppe	Legal Representation	\$ 1,878.00
4941	Scott County	TAX-TNT Postage	\$ 126.68
4942	EZIFIC	Website Design & Maintenance	\$ 1,362.00
<b>TOTAL CHECKS</b>			<b>\$ 11,160.18</b>

### 3) Walk-In Agenda Requests:

Union Hill Baseball Liquor License- The board signed a resolution to support a 3.2% malt liquor license for Union Hill Baseball Association. Clerk Bieder will send resolution to Sean O’Neill via email.

Annexation Agreement- Ted Kornder and Mary Koll were both present to ask for assistance on getting out of the annexation agreement with the City of Belle Plaine. They feel the City of Belle Plaine has too much control over the township residents and their properties. Both parties feel that it should be petition only to be annexed into the city and want this annexation agreement dissolved or re-written as soon as possible. Ted Kornder suggested the Annexation Agreement be an Annual Meeting Agenda so other residents can express their concerns. Chairman Kornder will speak with Lawyer Ruppe to see what the process is to get a resident’s property out of the annexation. Lawyer Ruppe has previously worked with Dahlgren Township in regards to Annexation fees.

### 4) Road Reports & Issues:

Dust Control - In 2021, dust control letters will go out beginning of March to see if we can get payments in a more-timely manner. Clerk Bieder will also bold the payment deadline.

260th Street – Supervisor Schultz stated the trees have been cleaned up, ditches are clear he is assuming by the DNR. He is not sure if the county trapped the beavers as previous Supervisor had been working with them. No additional work is required of the supervisors in this area at this time.

Culvert on 250th Street – Supervisor Schultz spoke with both adjoining landowners Herb Artz and Bill McCue in regards to the plugged culvert. Jeff Klehr replaced the culvert and aprons on the field approach by Herb Artz. Klehr also “shoot” the culvert to see if the culvert and it has enough fall to get to catch basin. Supervisor Schultz doesn’t feel the “plugged” culvert is an issue. Chairman Kornder did not agree and felt culvert is there for a reason and should be unplugged at the cost of Jeurissen. After a lengthy discussion Kornder asked if Jeurissen would agree to covering the cost in the future if the culvert would need to be unplugged. Jim Jeurissen agreed. Culvert will be left as is for now until an issue arises.

Laredo – Supervisor Schultz stated there is a missing Stop Sign and he contacted Randy Millard to replace.

Snowplowing – Supervisor Schultz will contact Todd Dvorak in regards to a few corners that need to be snowplowed more.

Crack Seal- Clerk Bieder will email Joe Wiita with Scott County in regards to pricing for crack sealing on Murphy Lane, Melody Lane and Belle Plaine Trail. Chairman Kornder will contact Neisen Paving and Valley Paving for bids also.

240<sup>th</sup> & Prairie Court - Chairman Kornder will contact Andrew Budde to notify him he will be the contact going forward since Entinger resigned.

Grant Funds / Local Road Improvement Program –Chairman Kornder mentioned that the Minnesota Township Insider Magazine had an article regarding grant funds for road improvements. Treasurer Bratsch stated you need to have bids prior to applying for these grants. Ted Kornder suggested to contact Jake Balk

with Scott County. Chairman Kornder will be gathering bids already for Prairie Court and 240<sup>th</sup>. The deadline is by March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

**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. Chairman Kornder suggested we have Doug Crosby create a Facebook account for Belle Plaine Township. We would have minimal information on the account but we would be able to provide residents with agendas, meeting date/time changes, additional meetings etc. quicker rather than on the outside board at the hall. The Facebook account would have yearly meeting dates, board member information etc.

Supervisor Replacement – Chairman Kornder will be contacting a few individuals (Dave Menke, Steve Cox, Chris Schultz and Butch Kisor) this month that have shown interests in the Interim Township Supervisor position until the April 13<sup>th</sup> Special Election.

- 6) Permit Report:** Board reviewed the permit report for last month.
- 7) Meetings Attended or Upcoming:** Supervisor Schultz will attend Rural Fire Department Meeting on January 13, 2021 at 6:00 at the BP Township Hall.
- 8) Motion to adjourn:** Motion made at 8:06 p.m. by Kornder and seconded by Schultz to adjourn.

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Chairman, Tony Kornder

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Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk