

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 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: Barbara Weckman Brekke

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

Oath of Office – Steve Cox was sworn in as interim Township Supervisor C. to fill the remainder of the position for Entinger until January 2023 when the term ends and the next annual election occurs.

Approval of the January 2021 Board Meeting minutes were presented, on a motion by Schultz seconded by Cox, 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	\$	654.24
Money Market	\$	462,647.21
Certificate of Deposit	\$	157,242.57
Total:	\$	620,544.02

Receipts: **\$ 3,297.57**

2) Review and Approval of Claims for Payment:

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

<u>Check</u>	<u>Individual/Business</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Amt.</u>
4942	Countryside Flagpole	New Flags	\$ 129.00
4943	Valley Paving	Class 5 Gravel	\$ 259.20
4944	MN Valley Electric Coop	Electricity Utility Invoice	\$ 100.00
4945	Couri & Ruppe	Legal Representation	\$ 735.00
4946	Ag Partners	LP Gas Town Hall	\$ 340.84
4947	Heather Kes	Election Judge & Mileage	\$ 154.26
4948	Myron Bratsch	Wages & Miscellaneous	\$ 1,426.40
4949	Kristy Bieder	Wages & Miscellaneous	\$ 2,235.35
4950	Tony Kornder	Wages & Mileage	\$ 874.18
4951	Mark Schultz	Wages & Mileage	\$ 976.76
4952	PERA	DCP Retirement	\$ 358.00

EFTPS

IRS Payroll Payment

\$ 895.05

TOTAL CHECKS

\$ 8,484.04

3) Walk-In Agenda Requests:

Commissioner Updated – Barbara Weckman Brekke gave updates on what is going on at Scott County. The broadband towers are up that were paid for by the Cares Dollars. Blakely and Belle Plaine received new fiber optic lines. There are approximately 550 new subscribers and 575 new customers waiting for the lines to be completed to be new subscribers. Cost is \$150 to install and \$50 each month afterwards with a 3-year contract.

Scott County is receiving 300-500 Covid-19 vaccines a week. The first vaccines went to First Responders and then over 65 and at high risk. Second doses will be taking place the week of February 8th. More information is available on the Scott County Public Health Page under Covid-19 Info. There is also a hotline available for those who are not internet savvy.

The Government Center is still closed to the public unless you have made an appointment.

Appointments for DMV are going rather well and they may keep appointment slots as an option in the future.

In 2022 the Scott County Sales Tax will be over unless the board decides to renew it. The sales tax is ½ above the State Sales Tax and is for major transportation and construction projects.

City of Jordan’s Facebook states that the 282 and 169 stoplight project will happen within a few years.

In 2022 the frontage road by KOA, Herman’s, By the Yard will begin.

There will be a Ditch Board Meeting coming up in regards to Ditch 10. Only effective land owners will be notified through mail.

Barbara will check to see what is going on with Ditch 1 by the Cox residence.

4) Road Reports & Issues:

MVEC Update – Chairman Kornder stated there is no update at this time.

240th Street – Chairman Kornder spoke with Andrew with Bolton Menke to notify him we would be moving forward with the Hybrid option - approximately \$65,000. Since this is under \$175,000 there is no need to solicit quotes. The supervisors will get a few quotes from local companies to present to the residents at the March Annual Meeting. Kornder will speak with Andrew to ensure we were on the same page that we would pay him hourly for his engineering rather than 25% of the project.

Dust Coating – All dust coated areas seem to be very slick. Supervisor Schultz will see if Jeff Klehr would be able to blade a bit if the sun shines enough. Jeff could cut grooves into the area possibly also.

5) Other Business:

Supervisor Replacement – The board decided that the Supervisor C. position (open due to resignation) would remain as an interim position and not be on the April 13th Special Election. The Special Election would be held only for the position of Supervisor A. since this was a term error.

Annual Meeting Agenda – The main agenda item will be the Orderly Annexation Agreement with the City of Belle Plaine. Another item to be brought up will be the Rural Fire Board.

Special Election – Clerk Bieder is working with Secretary of State and Scott County to narrow down all important dates for the upcoming April Special Election.

Orderly Annexation - We need to find out how many Belle Plaine Township residents want to be part of the 2040 annexation.

Belle Plaine Fire Board Meeting - The BP Fire board would like to purchase a \$1.5 million new ladder truck which means a large increase in the levy. The city needs this for the new apartment buildings. The rural fire should not have to pay for this when it will not be used in the township.

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

7) Meetings Attended or Upcoming:

- Audit & Budget Meeting will be held on February 23
- BP Orderly Annexation Meeting will be held on February 24 (City of Belle Plaine)
- Annual Meeting will be held on March 9th

8) Motion to adjourn: Motion made at 9:04 p.m. by Schultz and seconded by Cox to adjourn.

Chairman, Tony Kornder

Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk