

OFFICIAL MINUTES
BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, July 6, 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: Jeff Klehr, Peggy De Voto, Sharon Schmitz, Michelle Brooks and Diane Bastyr

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 June 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	\$	602.66
Money Market	\$	578,429.71
Certificate of Deposit	\$	158,602.27
Total:	\$	737,634.64

Receipts: **\$ 236,338.82**

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>
4997	Klehr Grading	Mowing Ditches	\$ 2,600.00
4998	Klehr Grading	Grading Roads	\$ 6,050.00
4999	Klehr Grading	Fabor/Galena Ditch	\$ 7,619.00
5000	Northern Salt	Dust Control	\$10,645.32
5001	Valley Paving	Class 5 Gravel	\$36,327.11
5002	Berger Interiors	Window Blinds	\$ 1,097.44
5003	Ag Partners	LP Fuel – Town Hall	\$ 331.34
TOTAL CHECKS			\$ 64,670.21

3) Walk-In Agenda Requests:

Chris Kubes w/ Kubes Realty – Chris Kubes did not show for the meeting as scheduled.

Michelle Brooks was in attendance to speak her piece about the Kubes/McCue deal near her home.

Clerk Bieder will contact Greg Wagner tomorrow to get more information on this potential project. Clerk Bieder suggested that Michelle and other residents that do not agree with this project should send letters of concern to the county prior to the public hearing.

Fire Billing– Sharon Schmitz with the Rural Fire Board was present to have Chairman Kornder sign the final notice for Ken Neisen for his fire bill from 2019.

Sharon updated the board on the Rural Fire Board changes which included Ralph Malz moving from township so Kim Meierbachtol will take his place, Janel Schmidt moved from the township and Jean McDermand will take her place.

Resident Complaint – Diane Bastyr who resides off 263rd Street W was in attendance to ask that the township pay for her oil pan on her car. Bastyr claimed that a large rock was in the middle of the road and she hit it. She felt the grader pushed it up and it was left there. Klehr stated that the grader wouldn't have been able to drive over it, the grader would have hit it and threw it to the side of the road. Bastyr then stated maybe it wasn't in the middle of the road but rather the side of the road. Klehr graded on June 1st and Supervisor Cox did his road review on June 3rd and did not note any large rocks to be picked up. Bastyr said she picked the rock up; Steve Cox will go review the road tomorrow to see if there is a large indent in the road where the rock was. Supervisor Cox will touch base with Diane after he reviews the road on July 7th.

4) Road Reports & Issues:

Xcel Energy Transmission Line Project – Treasurer Bratsch will invoice Xcel \$3500 for the dust coating completed on 270th Street. NSI estimated 2800 gallons (\$1.20/gallon) to complete the mile stretch.

Murphy Lane- Seal coating was completed on Murphy's Lane and looks good.

Susan Lane – Crackseal will be completed in 2021 and an overlay will then be done in 2022.

Bahr Driveway Permit –Jeff Bahr mailed his driveway permit for his property near Navaho Avenue, a check for the \$100 inspection fee and a check for the \$500 bond. Supervisor Schultz noticed the driveway has already been put in when he was doing his monthly road review. The driveway permit was not approved and also it wasn't completed correctly as there is no culvert. Supervisor Schultz will go speak with Jeff and let him know what needs to be completed and that an additional \$100 inspection fee will be charged.

Met Council Land Use – Brad with Scott County completed the Land Use Survey for all the townships. Belle Plaine had one change which was the old golf course is now residential.

Township Legal Seminar - Clerk Bieder gave the supervisors information on an upcoming Legal Seminar put on by Minnesota Association of Townships.

Accessory Dwellings & Structures- Clerk Bieder asked the board if they were aware of any changes made to the Accessory Dwellings & Structures Ordinance that Scott County had. Not one member was aware of it but it was posted on the SC website. Belle Plaine Township typically follows the same guidelines as the

county. The website states the Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on the revisions on July 13, 2020. The County Board adopted the ordinance revisions on August 18, 2020. One of the key revisions allows larger sheds and accessory buildings on rural lots (see table).

Scott County’s current regulations:

Lot Size	Maximum Building Area	Height
Less than 1 acre	1,000 square feet	15 feet
1 – 1.99 acres	1,600 square feet	18 feet
2 – 4.99 acres	2,000 square feet	18 feet
5 – 7.99 acres	2,600 square feet	20 feet
8 – 9.99 acres	3,200 square feet	20 feet
10 – 19.99 acres	4,000 square feet	24 feet
20 – 39.99 acres	5,000 square feet	24 feet

Scott County’s proposed regulations:

Lot Size	Maximum Building Area	Height
Less than 1 acre	1,000 square feet	18 feet
1 – 1.99 acres	2,000 square feet	20 feet
2 – 4.99 acres	3,000 square feet	20 feet
5 – 7.99 acres	3,600 square feet	20 feet
8 – 9.99 acres	4,000 square feet	24 feet
10 – 14.99 acres	5,000 square feet	24 feet
15 – 39.99 acres	6,000 square feet	24 feet

Update on Goshen Speed Limit – Our concern on Goshen Blvd does not meet the criteria need to have a MN DOT Speed Study completed. Chairman Kornder spoke with Sherriff Hennen and he did approve the speed study and extra patrolling. Resident Matt B. did give some money to the pizza delivery drivers to slow down and it appears to be working.

Fabor Avenue- Fabor is the only road on Supervisors Cox’s list that needs some blading and this is only by the location in which the new home was moved in.

Pony Road – Pony Road needs the township road sign fixed as its in the ditch. Clerk Bieder will contact Randy Millard to fix.

Meridian Circle – Supervisor Cox will speak with LeRoy Chard to see if he is going to trim the trees along the property of 24951 Meridian Circle (Nick Martin’s).

Prairie Court – Clerk Bieder will send a letter regarding Noxious Weeds to the resident Jeff Songle (old Roger Stier Property).

Ditches/Weeds - Klehr will do another ditch swat and then in fall we will spray.

Driveway Permit – Clerk Bieder will try to locate the driveway permit that Supervisor Entinger was to complete for Rich Amundson on 240th Street.

5) Other Business:

- Harvest & Bluff Court- Sweeping & Crack Seal
 - i. Sweeping has been completed by Scott County.
 - ii. Chairman Kornder will contact Nilson to do the crack sealing on gutter areas.
 - iii. Supervisor Cox will cut and patch an area on Harvest Way.
- Treasurer Bratsch suggested we take MVEC to small claims court since the amount due is under \$7500.

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

7) Meetings Attended or Upcoming: *Clerk Meeting scheduled for Monday, July 19th @ 7:00 p.m.*

8) Motion to adjourn: Motion made at 8:25 p.m. by Schultz and seconded by Cox to adjourn.

Chairman, Tony Kornder

Minutes prepared by: Kristy Bieder, Clerk