

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING**  
 Tuesday, July 11, 2023  
 BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP HALL  
 25130 HICKORY BLVD., BELLE PLAINE, MN

Board Members Present:

Chairman Mark Schultz, Supervisor Tony Kornder, Supervisor Steve Cox, Treasurer Myron Bratsch and Clerk Peggyann De Voto

Others Present:

Craig Jenson, Adam Jessen, Alli Klehr

- 1) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schultz at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- 2) **APPROVALS:** Approval of the June Board Meeting minutes with a friendly amendment by Supervisor Cox to change the spelling of an attendee's name. The minutes were corrected and a motion was made by Supervisor Cox to approve the corrected minutes, seconded by Supervisor Kornder, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Checking	\$	2,446.89
Money Market	\$	247,879.42
Certificate of Deposit	\$	162,276.71
Certificate of Deposit	\$	306,265.07
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>718,868.09</b>

Receipts: **\$ 235,115.67**

**Review and Approval of Claims for Payment:**

Motion by Kornder and seconded by Cox to approve claims for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Check</u>	<u>Individual/Business</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Check Amt.</u>
5214	Klehr Grading ang Excavating	Mowing Township ditches	2,640.00
5215	Klehr Grading and Excavating	Grading Roads Inv# 4730	4,350.00
5216	Scott County	1 <sup>st</sup> half Salt 2023	1,067.00
5217	Northern Salt	Calcium Chloride 38%	27,940.00
5218	New Prague Rural Fire.	1 <sup>st</sup> half fire protection	7,398.03
5219	Union Trail Inc	Class 5 Gravel	77.21
5220	Minnesota Valley Electric	Utility Electric Town hall	100.00

**TOTAL CHECKS                    \$43,572.24**

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

- There weren't any walk-in requests.

4) **Other Business:**

- Adam Jessen and Craig Jenson came to discuss the county's ongoing road projects from 2023 to 2025. They provided a map showing the CH66 bypass lane, Belle Plaine downtown improvement and CH 66/TH 21 roundabout for 2023. TH169/CH59 interchange for 2024 - 2025 and TH169/TH282 The CoCH9 interchange for 2024 – 2026 and the CH 6 Reconstruction in 2025.
- Ditch 10 cost sharing agreement – after reviewing the agreement Supervisor Cox made a motion to accept the agreement, Supervisor Kornder seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

5) **Road Reports & Issues:**

- Ditch Spraying – There have been a lot of complaints about damages caused by spraying without apparent consideration of the wind direction. Most of the damage was to the beans, corn had less damage, mostly burnt leaves. The Company that was hired and the person spraying the weeds would bear the responsibility for how the spray was applied. Board decided to see how 2024 goes then decide if the Township wants to continue with the county or if we should look into a contract with our own company.
- Board discussed the need to grade the rough areas of the Township roads once we get more rain. Alli Klehr explained that if graded now the road conditions would deteriorate further. Klehr Excavating would keep an eye on the weather and the road conditions and they would grade as soon as possible.
- Supervisor Cox took a look at Homestead Road and advised the best way to repair. The Board gave approval to Supervisor Cox to go ahead and make the necessary repairs.

6) **Permit Report:** Board reviewed the permit report for last month. It appeared to be June's report with nothing current.

7) **Meetings Attended or Upcoming:**

- Old 169 and Jason with the City of Belle Plaine. All Supervisors met with the City representatives, The City will be responsible for all ditch work and will continue to monitor the road condition for two more years.
- Ditch Board Meeting on July 18 was not a public meeting

8) **Motion to Adjourn:** Motion made at 8:38 p.m. by Kornder and seconded by Cox to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

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Chairman: Mark Schultz

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Minutes prepared by: Peggyann De Voto, Clerk