

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**BELLE PLAINE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING**  
**March 2, 2010**

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

Present:

Robert Koenig – Supervisor                      Gary E. Schmitz – Supervisor                      Douglas Kasper – Supervisor  
Jean McDermand – Clerk                      Kevin Slack – Treasurer

Also Present:

Myron Bratsch, Carol and Roger Bauer.

**1) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kasper at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of February 9, 2010 Board meeting minutes and Audit & Budget meeting minutes. Motion by Koenig and seconded by Schmitz to accept the minutes as presented, all in favor, motion carried.

Slack read the Treasurer’s report. Motion by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to approve the Treasurer’s Report, with the following balances as of February 28, 2010:

Checking	\$ 562.05
Money Market	132,079.65
CD/Interbank	50,000.00
CD/Cornerstone Bank	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total:	\$232,641.70

Receipts for February 2010 – \$ 0.00

**2) Walk-In / Agenda Requests / Public Comments:**

Adam Volek from the Scott County Sheriff’s Department dropped off the Sheriff’s report for the Belle Plaine Township, prior to the start of the meeting.

**3) Old Business:**

Tree of Life Church letter was reviewed and will be sent to Scott County Planning along with a list of expenses that the township has incurred.

Mike Lyons emailed photos of ice on the roads from melting snow within Farmers Bluff development. Supervisor Schmitz will dump some rock salt on the ice.

**4) New Business:**

New Prague Rural Fire Association, Supervisor Kasper reported on obtaining the map for the township area that New Prague Fire services. He still is in the process of gathering information from Belle Plaine Fire, New Prague Fire, and Jordan Fire, further discussion on the topic was tabled.

R&B Quotes same as last year, advertise in local papers for 2010 road maintenance quotes.

Seasonal Load Restriction statute changes. MN §169.87.Subd.2 now states that all paved roads in a jurisdiction will carry a ten-ton axle weight restriction all year around. Road authorities may impose their own restrictions by posting signs indicating the prohibition/restriction and also by ordinance.

Annual Meeting moderator fee is \$3 and proposed 2011 levy will remain the same.

Belle Plaine Trail, discussed at length the possibility of turning the paved road into a gravel road. Supervisor Koenig will talk to Chard and get quotes for various scenarios.

Belle Plaine Ambulance currently contracts with Ridgeview Medical Center to manage and operate an ALS service. Since 2008, the Township no longer is required to pay a per capita for ambulance service. It became known recently that the Belle Plaine Ambulance has an approximate balance of \$613,786 in an enterprise fund. This enterprise fund was created and grown for the anticipated Capital Expenditures of an ongoing ambulance. Since the City of Belle Plaine no longer operates the Ambulance, it can no longer maintain an enterprise fund. The City by resolution closed the fund and transferred the Ambulance enterprise funds into the City's Capital Fund designated for public safety. These funds can now be used for anything that relates to public safety, including but not limited to, the purchase of a new police squad car. The township would like to see that the fund dollars not go to generic public safety costs, but go toward ambulance costs only, which was the original purpose of the fund. A past contract between the Township and the City for Ambulance service could not be found within the Townships files. After a lengthy discussion, Clerk McDermand will contact the City to get a copy of the last known contract and possibly seek legal council to find out if the Township has any say as to how this money can be spent.

**5) Other Business:**

Code Compliance Update. Dan Ekholm Scott County Code Enforcement officer provided the township with updates on the 6131 Melody Ln. property, and the 7526 270<sup>th</sup> St. W property.

Website was updated with the final draft of the Driveway/Approach permit and Zoning requirements for Accessory Building and Structures.

Meetings attended: Schmitz reported on attending the Belle Plaine City Council meeting, which addressed the Ambulance Fund.

Chairs, Koenig is looking into purchasing 5 chairs for the township.

**6) Road Report:** Roads are in good shape.

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

A motion was made by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to pay the bills, all in favor motion carried:

3/2/10 3602 Dvorak Excav. Snow\$9012.50 Materials\$4402 \$13,414.50

**8) Building Permit Applications approved:**

a) Randy Smith & Dale McCall, 9160 Galena, 16x24 addition and remodeling

**9) Motion to adjourn:** Motion made by Schmitz and seconded by Kasper to adjourn.

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Township Supervisor

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Minutes prepared by: Jean McDermand, Township Clerk