

Township of Belle Plaine Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
March 3, 2009

The Belle Plaine Township Board held its regular monthly meeting at 7:30p.m. at the Township garage. Officers present were Robert Koenig, Gary Schmitz, Kevin Slack, and Jean McDermand. Also, present: see attached attendance sheet

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Schmitz. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Supervisor Schmitz read the resignation letter from Supervisor Klehr and Schmitz informed the board of the state statute governing resignations. The Board accepted the resignation and Schmitz made a motion to appoint Carol Bauer to fill the vacancy, there being no second, Supervisor Koenig made a motion to appoint Doug Kasper to fill the vacancy, and Clerk McDermand seconded the motion, motion carried.

The reading of the Clerk's minutes from last month's Board meeting were approved as presented, on a motion by Robert Koenig and seconded by Gary Schmitz. The Audit meeting minutes were approved as presented with noted correction, on a motion by Koenig and seconded by Schmitz.

The Treasurer's report was read, motion by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to approve the Treasurer's report with the following balances as of February 28, 2009:

Checking	\$981.36
Money Market	97,233.47
CD/Interbank	50,000.00
CD/Cornerstone Bank	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total:	\$198,214.83

Receipts for February 2009 – \$1,580.00

Scott Eischens was present to request an approval of a building, septic, and driveway permit to construct a house at 240th St. and Aberdeen Ave., the permit applications were approved and signed.

The Minnesota Association of Townships Agency property valuation program report was reviewed and the report concluded that the township property was insured for less than its full value. There was a discussion on the options available for insuring the Township property. It was determined that the discussion will be tabled and addressed at the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2009.

Motion by Schmitz, second by Koenig to send the Clean Water Discharge in Right-of-Way paragraph to Ruppe, the township attorney, and after his approval to amend the Road Ordinance to include the paragraph. The clerk will address all procedures that will be involved in this task.

Dan Ekholm, Scott Co. Code compliance officer, confirmed the township's assumption that the 2008 Code Enforcement report for the township was incomplete and a case that was dropped from the system will be put back on the list.

The engineering review from TKDA for the Tree of Life Church Development Site was received. The board reviewed the storm water system, roadway and general comments that Township Engineer, Pat Windier supplied. The discussion revolved around the entrance road and what it might look like in the future. It was decided to send these comments to the abutting township landowner.

Gathering of quotes for 2009 road & bridge maintenance was discussed. Sweeping needs to be addressed and possibly having the city of Belle Plaine do our sweeping. Clerk McDermand will contact the Township Attorney and inquire about the current grading agreement. Supervisor Schmitz will address the townships needs with the county for seal coating/crack sealing. Suggestion that the board advertise for our road and bridge quotes. The clerk will construct an Ad, research costs, and bring this information to the Annual Meeting for approval and/or further discussion. It was decided to table the discussion and resume it at the Annual meeting.

Belle Plaine Trl. is in need of attention, a part of this road is within the city of Belle Plaine, Supervisor Koenig will measure and mark the location of where the road starts and stops for the township. It was decided that the Clerk will set up a meeting with the city of Belle Plaine to discuss fixing and patching the road, she will post, and notify the board when arrangements have been made.

A couple audience members spoke and would like to recognize Supervisor Klehr's years of dedicated service to the township. Supervisor Schmitz agreed and would like to treat the resignation of Klehr as a retirement. After a discussion, it was determined that no further action will be taken on the circumstances involved with the resignation, on a motion by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig. Schmitz stated that he would like to give Klehr a plaque for his years of service.

The final draft revision of the Township's Snow & Ice Control Policy was accepted as presented and will replace the one that was adopted in 2005.

Supervisor Koenig presented his suggestions for the revision for a new Driveway/Approach permit. After a discussion, it was proposed that the permit contain separate requirements for residential and agricultural approaches, along with a \$200 fine for putting in a driveway/approach without a permit.

Supervisor Koenig reported on attending the New Prague Fire meeting, a SCALE meeting, and the 2020 Vision meeting.

Current road conditions were discussed and Supervisor Schmitz reported that most of the roads are in good shape, although there are a few areas that need direct attention, along with some signs.

A motion was made by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to pay the bills:

3/3/09	3480	Dvorak Excavating	snowplow\$1470, Mat.\$792	\$2,262.00
3/3/09	3481	MVEC	Electricity	\$100.00
3/3/09	3482	TKDA	Eng. Fees - Tree of Life	\$403.80
3/3/09	3483	Postmaster	Stamps	\$42.00
3/3/09	3484	Central Fire	Fire Extinguisher	\$56.45

Motion made at 9:04 p.m. by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to adjourn; motion carried.

Township Supervisor

Township Clerk

Please Sign In

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Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Name

Address

1. Carl J. Bauer 7880 W 255th St. BP
2. Lee O'Brien 24915 Fakes Ave B.P.
3. JIM JEURISSEN 24655 Hickory Blvd.
4. Ewald Nuntjens 12775 B.P. Trail
5. Tamara Brun Rutt 7926 Union Hill
6. Pete Rutt 7926 Union Hill Blvd.
7. Gabe Rutt 7926 Union Hill Blvd.
8. D. Kassel
9. David Schultz B.P.
10. Arnold Gansen 25460 Church Ave.
11. Pat Gansen " "
12. Quint McDermond 9735 W. 273rd St Belle Plaine

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12. Scott Eischen

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