

Township of Belle Plaine Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
April 1, 2008

The Belle Plaine Township Board held its regular monthly meeting at 7:30p.m. at the Township garage. Officers present were Richard Klehr, Gary Schmitz, Robert Koenig, Kevin Slack, and Jean McDermid. Also present were Doug Kasper, Norm Pint, Carol Bauer, Darrell Honza, Lowell Schmitz, Jeff Klehr, Todd Dvorak and Troy Borresen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Koenig, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The reading of the Clerk's minutes from last month's Board meeting were suspended, motion by Gary Schmitz and seconded by Richard Klehr, to approve the minutes as presented, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read, motion by Klehr and seconded by Schmitz to approve the Treasurer's report with the following balances as of March 31, 2008:

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| Checking | \$ 1,164.28 |
| Money Market/General | \$45,322.70 |
| Money Market/Cap. Improv. | \$27,644.84 |
| Money Market/Annex. Fees | \$57,244.54 |
| Saving/Park Fund | \$ 1,283.32 |
| CD/Park Fund | \$21,000.00 |
| CD/Annexation Fees | \$50,000.00 |
| CD/Annexation Fees | <u>\$50,000.00</u> |
| Total: | \$253,659.68 |

Receipts for March 2008 – \$0.00

Darrell Honza from the Scott County Sheriff's Department was present with last month's Sheriff's report for the Belle Plaine Township. There were 12 calls for service with a couple cars in the ditch.

Troy Borresen 2614 Laredo Ave., was present to discuss with the board his plan to construct a wind turbine on this property. The clerk will send Mr. Borresen information on the requirements and get him in contact with another landowner in the township who has a wind turbine up and running. Mr. Borresen also spoke about the poor condition of Laredo and other roads in the township, a discussion followed on the cost, maintenance, and spring frost upheavals of the township roads.

Lowell Schmitz of Lowell Schmitz Construction was present to discuss with the board his findings on the condition of the township garage building. He met onsite with a Scott County Building Inspector and presented the board a report from the Inspection. After a discussion as to how and what kind of repairs were needed, it was determined that Mr. Schmitz would, at a later date, submit an estimate on the cost of: replacing the doors & frames, cutting off and putting in a treated bottom plate – corner to corner, pouring concrete using Styrofoam forms, and finishing the inside walls after the bottom plate is replaced. No further discussion until cost estimates are received.

There was a discussion on the final procedures and formalities in adopting the road ordinance. A motion by Schmitz and seconded by Koenig to adapt Ordinance No. 3, an ordinance regulating road rights-of-way and a Resolution setting permit fees for right-of-way users. A motion by Koenig and seconded by Klehr to publish as presented the summary of the right-of-way ordinance in the Belle Plaine Herald. Copies of the Ordinance will be sent to the Belle Plaine public Library and the Scott County Law library to be recorded. Copies of the Ordinance, resolution and permit will be sent to all applicable township utilities.

The use and collection of Park Fund fees was discussed. Mark Themig, Scott County Parks Manager provided the township with information that states; in order to collect a park dedication fee the township must have a capital improvement program for parks/trails and a parks/trails plan in place. The funds collected can only be used for development or improvements of parks/trails, etc. The township needs to consider whether to continue collecting the fee or putting a park plan in place. The discussion was tabled.

The yard light pole and the transformer pole are in poor condition and in need of replacement. MVEC was contacted and the various options were discussed. There will be no cost of replacing the pole, cost will incur only if the township would like the power to be run underground and if the township would like a longer arm on the yard light. Supervisor Koenig will get in touch with and meet onsite with a MVEC engineer to go over the options.

Notice of Release from MinnDOT for the short stretch of road that services J&W Asphalt was received and will be effective April 1, 2008. The township has determined that this stretch of road falls into the distinction of being a Cartway and will be treated as such.

Correspondence from MinnCann about a change in routing of a section of the pipeline along 255th St. W. due to powerline poles was discussed. The Board foresees no reason for concern on this shift of section of pipeline. Greg Halling provided the Board an update on the activities and progress of the MinnCann project. Construction /grading is set to begin after May 18, once road restrictions have been lifted. Correspondence was reviewed from Fredrikson & Byron, Attorneys for MinnCan, on the condemnation litigation process, listing the dates, times, and locations that landowners will be met with onsite to discuss condemnation.

The following quotes were reviewed and accepted on motions as noted:

Gravel

- **Knife River/Schmitz Pit - \$4.35 ton** * Accepted on a motion by Schmitz/Klehr
- *Chard/Sibley Pit* - \$4.65 ton

Ditch Mowing

- **Klehr Grading & Excavating, flail type mower, cuts brush, both sides of road, \$50/mile** * Accepted on a motion by Schmitz/Klehr
- *Erosion Plus*, 7ft flail mower and 6ft bush hog rotary mower, \$80/hour, \$36/mile
- *TJ Deutsch*, JD 2355 w/ New Idea 5407 disc mower, cuts 6 ft & 8 inches, \$30/mile
- *Dvorak*, JD 4260 w/ disc mower, both sides of road, (fuel \$3.95), \$63/hour, \$75/mile

Hauling

- **Dvorak**, Sibley \$3.60/ton and **Knife River \$2.80/ ton, fuel surcharge if over \$3.95** * Accepted on a motion by Schmitz/Klehr from Knife River pit.
- *Malecha Trucking*, Sibley \$2.90/ton and Knife River \$2.38/ton

Snow Plowing & Sanding

- **Dvorak, \$105/hr to \$110/hr & \$8,000 minimum, fuel surcharge if over \$3.95** * Accepted on a motion by Schmitz/Klehr
- *Klehr Grading & Excavating*, \$110/hr & \$7,500 minimum, fuel surcharge if over \$3.75

Dust coating will once again be provided at \$50 per treatment, notice to be published in Herald and a letter sent out to all interested with payment to be received by May 15th.

The Census Address List for the 2010 census is being completed by Lynn Rohe from Scott County. She would like to know if the township has any exceptions to the “normal” housing unit and to let the county know if anything on the list needs to be added/corrected/deleted. The township has no known exceptions.

Annual Spring Road Review will be April 7, 2008 at 1:00p.m. starting at the Township garage.

The Tree of Life Church DRT meeting minutes from 2-27-08 were received and examined.

Treasurer Slack reported on attending the 2030 County Comprehensive Plan public hearing. Only a few spoke at the hearing, including a small group that pushed to modify the plan to preserve farmland. Schmitz and McDermant reported on attending the Scott County Township Association meeting and a few topics from the meeting were discussed along with the sign replacement program topic. An estimate of all the township’s signs is needed, a sign inventory by the county will be conducted & put on a CD, and the installation phase is set for next summer. The township will need to do a yearly sign inspection and report back to the county.

Proposal received from Chard – Ideal Paving to extend the existing parking lot 10 feet on both sides for \$4,350. Motion by Schmitz and seconded by Klehr to accept the proposal, all in favor motion carried.

All in agreement to purchase a measuring wheel w/ stand that measures in feet was approved.

The Clerk issued the following Building Permit applications: None

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

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| 4/1/08 | 3353 | Kevin Slack | Wages, Mileage, Exp. Reimb. | \$1,054.23 |
| 4/1/08 | 3354 | Jean McDermant | Wages & Mileage | \$1,826.42 |
| 4/1/08 | 3355 | Gary E. Schmitz | Wages & Mileage | \$903.63 |
| 4/1/08 | 3356 | Robert Koenig | Wages & Mileage | \$1,181.76 |
| 4/1/08 | 3357 | Richard Klehr | Wages & Mileage | \$846.03 |
| 4/1/08 | 3358 | PERA | Wages & General | \$603.60 |
| 4/1/08 | 3359 | SBBP | Wages & General | \$603.68 |
| 4/1/08 | 3360 | Leo Anderly | Assessing | \$5,200.00 |
| 4/1/08 | 3361 | Dvorak Excav. | Snow Plow 390.50 & Mat. 420.00 | \$810.50 |
| 4/1/08 | 3362 | Klehr Grading & Exc. | Patrol | \$1,937.76 |
| 4/1/08 | 3363 | MAT | 3 Short course Registrations | \$120.00 |
| 4/1/08 | 3364 | Minn. Benefit Assoc. | Group Life Ins. | \$405.00 |
| 4/1/08 | 3365 | Couri, Macarthur & Ruppe | Legal Work | \$150.00 |

Motion made at 9:40 p.m. by Klehr and seconded by Schmitz to adjourn; motion carried.

Township Supervisor

Township Clerk