

**Township of Belle Plaine Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**June 2, 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, Doug Kasper, Kevin Slack, and Jean McDermand. Also present, John Balk, Mike Lyons, Greg Westlund, Donna Westlund, Carol Bauer, and Jeff Klehr

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

The Clerk's minutes from last month's Board meeting were approved as presented, on a motion by Robert Koenig and seconded by Doug Kasper.

The Treasurer's report was read, motion by Kasper and seconded by Koenig to approve the Treasurer's report with the following balances as of May 31, 2009:

Checking	\$1,368.46
Money Market	91,089.29
CD/Interbank	50,000.00
CD/Cornerstone Bank	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total:	\$192,457.75

Receipts for May 2009 – \$0.00

John Balk, 8730 W. 220<sup>th</sup> St., was present for the approval of a building permit application to replace the existing house with a new one, the request was approved and the permit signed.

Michael Lyons, 9890 Harvest Way, was present for the approval of a building permit application to construct a deck, the request was approved and the permit signed. He also asked the board for help or suggestions as to what he can do to alleviate the problem of the need to run his sump pump daily because of the high water table. After a discussion on various solutions, further information was needed and the county will be contacted to see if tile could be run to the pond along the south side of the property within the Drainage and Utility easement. Mr. Lyons will be notified of any findings.

Darik Schultz 7575 263<sup>rd</sup> St., phoned the clerk, stating that the road maintenance, (graveling and grading) of 263<sup>rd</sup> St. needs to go further. He has placed a stake where the township road ends, he had dedicated that portion of road to the township when he platted this property. The Mylars were reviewed after the meeting, Supervisor Kasper will take a look at the road and get in contact with Mr. Schultz.

Greg Westlund, 27961 Navaho Ave., was present to discuss an approach to his property on Navaho Ave. The approach lacks a culvert and causes water to run across his driveway, he currently digs a trench through the approach to alleviate the water blockage. He stated that the approach existed when he purchased the property and he has no need for the approach, therefore does not want to put in a culvert. The Board decided that the township will dig out the approach and Mr. Westlund was pleased with the outcome.

Supervisor Koenig reported on speaking with the various land owners/renters with approach issues that were sent letters addressing the need to obtain permits. With each situation being unique, Koenig discussed with the board all the possible fixes and circumstances associated with each of the approaches. As an ongoing process, Supervisor Koenig will again meet and discuss the approaches with the landowners and report back to the board.

Supervisor Schmitz gave an update on dustcoating, it was applied as scheduled, so far no complaints, but the roads are very dry.

Reviewed the opinion from township attorney, Ruppe, on the handling of park fund fees. The township was correct to discontinue collecting the fees. The township decided to retain the funds and will only use them for the acquisition/development of parks laid out in a park system plan.

Reviewed a letter sent by Dan Eckholm, Scott Co. Code Compliance Officer, to a resident in Melody Ln. about a zoning violation and expired building permit, which led to discussion on other properties with violations.

Treasurer Slack informed the board of his communications with Cindy Geis, Scott County Auditor/Treasurer/Acting County Assessor. It has come to the attention of the county that our Local Assessor is in violation and noncompliant with MN Statutes. The County has an outstanding bill of \$1,600 for time and effort to update our township with the legislation changes to Green Acres, which our Local Assessor did not complete. A lengthy discussion evolved. The Board expressed that they would like to keep the township assessing local, and Slack provided the board with information that the County will do the township assessment for \$8,500/year. As needed, Slack will stay informed and in contact with Geis. Slack will also get in contact with our Local Assessor, Leo Anderly.

Supervisor Schmitz asked Jeff Klehr of Klehr Grading if he could take care of the Greg Westlund approach that needs to be removed and seeded on Navaho Ave. Estimated cost to be around \$500, the board was in agreement to have Jeff Klehr do the work.

Koenig and Slack reported on attending a presentation Establishing a Township Fire Department. Koenig reported on attending a SCALE meeting. McDermant reported on attending the Public Hearing on the "Social Host Ordinance" and stated that it passed by a 3 to 2 vote.

Metropolitan Council population estimates for 2008 is 961/people and 313/households.

Supervisor Kasper reported on the roads that he views, he commented on tasks completed and discussed/listed work that still needs to be done on these roads.

The clerk will look into the required procedure to change the Regular Board Meeting's starting time from 7:30 to 7:00.

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

6/2/09	3510	Kevin Slack	Wages, General	\$1,098.25
6/2/09	3511	Jean McDermand	Wages, General	\$1,611.04
6/2/09	3512	Gary Schmitz	Wages, General	\$905.83
6/2/09	3513	Doug Kasper	Wages	\$550.17
6/2/09	3514	Robert Koenig	Wages, General	\$1,343.10
6/2/09	3515	PERA	Wages, General	\$597.46
6/2/09	3516	SBBP	Wages, General	\$714.46
6/2/09	3517	Klehr Grading	Patrol	\$3,223.35
6/2/09	3518	Emily Koenig	Lawn Mowing	\$180.00
6/2/09	3519	WebCerta Designs	WebSite Work	\$50.00
6/2/09	3520	Kevin Slack	Tractor Rent & Fuel	\$340.84
6/2/09	3521	BP Rural Fire	First 1/2 2009	\$17,047.30
6/2/09	3522	NP Rural Fire	First 1/2 2009	\$4,536.50
6/2/09	3523	Dustcoating Inc.	Dustcoating	\$3,768.00
6/2/09	3524	Malecha Trucking	Hauling Gravel	\$6,061.45
6/2/09	3525	Knife River Corp.	Gravel	\$9,705.91

Discussed the invoice from Knife River. Slack inquired about requesting Malecha Trucking to instruct their drivers to log where and when they are dumping their loads of gravel, Slack stated that only 60% of the drivers are doing so.

Motion made at 9:28 p.m. by Schmitz and seconded by Kasper to adjourn; motion carried.

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Township Supervisor

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Township Clerk