

Township of Belle Plaine Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting
June 5, 2007

The Belle Plaine Township Board held its regular monthly meeting at 7:30p.m. at the Township garage. Officers present were Gary Schmitz, Richard Klehr, Robert Koenig, Kevin Slack, and Jean McDermand. Also present were Ewald Gruetzmacher, Bill McCue, Randy Kubes, Doug Kasper, Scott Haas and Carol Bauer; arriving later, Jeff Klehr and Todd Dvorak.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Koenig; Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Clerk's minutes from last month's Board meeting were read, motion by Richard Klehr and seconded by Gary Schmitz, to approve the minutes, all voting in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read, motion by Gary Schmitz and seconded by Richard Klehr to approve the Treasurer's report with the following balances as of May 31, 2007:

Checking	\$ 392.28
Money Market/General	\$39,860.65
Money Market/Cap. Improv.	\$24,080.31
Money Market/Annex. Fees	\$64,563.43
Saving/Park Fund	\$ 2,237.28
CD/Park Fund	\$18,837.78
CD/Annexation Fees	\$50,000.00
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Total:	\$249,971.73

Receipts for May 2007 – \$5,203.89

Ewald Grutzmacher, 12775 Belle Plaine Trl., presented the board with a written request signed by seven township residents requesting that repairs be made to Belle Plaine Trail. The road is in bad shape. The board agreed that the road is in need of repair and there was discussion on how much of the Belle Plaine Trl. is actually within the township. It became apparent that the township would have to work out a fix with the City of Belle Plaine, where the majority of the road lies. After much discussion as to the type of fix needed, the board assured Mr. Grutzmacher that the City of Belle Plaine will be contacted and a plan of action will be discussed.

Scott Hass from the Scott County Sheriff's Department was present to give the board last month's Sheriff's report for the Belle Plaine Township.

Bill McCue was present to discuss the grading of the township roads. Mr. McCue noted that the roads are not graded properly, the blade never goes down far enough, the wash boarding needs to be removed and Meridian circle is bad. After a discussion the board agreed to talk with the Blade operator about Mr. McCue's concerns.

Randy Kubes was present to obtain a recommendation from the township to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Orville Renneke property located on 250th & Laredo in section 19. The board unanimously recommended approval.

Clerk McDermand reported confirming with the MAT Attorney that Supervisor Klehr need not abstain from voting on awarding roadwork to Klehr Construction & Excavation and a five-year contract was reasonable.

A bridge location Map was received from county and viewed by the board.

Scott County Elections sent notice that transmitting election results wireless will no longer be available and the board stated that installing a phone in the township garage would not be pertinent at this time.

Jeff Klehr of Klehr Grading & Excavation was present and the board discussed with him the concerns brought up by Bill McCue earlier. Treasurer Slack requested that Klehr Grading & Excavation provide documentation for the fuel charges / base price. Jeff Klehr appealed to the board that the original quoted fuel surcharge from last months meeting was correct and should not have been changed from \$1.80 to \$2.80. The board unanimously agreed to accept the original quote of \$1.80 fuel surcharge.

The Final copy of the Crack Seal cooperative Agreement was signed by the county and returned to the township. The roads in Farmer's Bluff are slated to receive crack sealing and it seemed that these roads are developing cracks prematurely and it was questioned if the maintenance agreement would pay for the crack sealing. It was also noted that the holding pond in Farmer's Bluff was overgrown with weeds and there was discussion as to who owns the pond and is responsible for its maintenance. The clerk will contact the township engineer about these matters.

Supervisor Schmitz reported on the status of the dust coating. All roads have been marked and the township is scheduled to receive the dust coating on June 13th. Schmitz noted that next year an earlier cut off date for dust coating is needed and the spring road work should also start earlier. Supervisor Schmitz reported on contacting Dan Dye of Melody Lane, to inform him that his weeds need to be mowed. There was discussion on possibly contracting with the County for roadside spraying next year and the need to make note of trees and brush when viewing roads in the spring.

Todd Dvorak was present to confirm that he was awarded the Snow Removal for the township.

The Metropolitan Council provided their estimated population and household numbers for 2006 which are used to determine local government aid allocations. Belle Plaine Township is estimated to have 912 people up 13 from 2005 and 308 households up 11 from 2005.

Supervisor Koenig reported on attending the SCALE meeting. Treasurer Slack reported on attending the Western township 2030 planning meeting and noted that the new zoning map can be viewed on-line. Clerk McDermant updated the board on the Belle Plaine Ambulance Research committee and informed the board that based on the recommendation from an outside consultant the City of Belle Plaine will pursue to outsource the management of the Ambulance service. Supervisor Koenig reported on attending the Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting.

The Clerk issued the following Building Permit applications:

- a) Matt Fogarty, 25515 Laredo Ave., Pole Shed, \$85,000
- b) David Winterfeldt, 24581 Jason Ave., Grain Bin
- c) Tom O'Brien, 24925 Fabor Ave., Reroof Garage & House
- d) John Haase, 25651 Church Ave., Deck, \$14,500
- e) Brett Benecke, 9985 Harvest Way, Deck, \$4,000
- f) Jenna Tuma, 11814 Laramie Ln, Deck, \$3,500
- g) Olympic Const. for Greg Koebnick, 23356 Bluff ct., Deck

There was a discussion on the gravel quote vs. the billing amount from Knife River and payment to Knife River will be delayed until the discrepancy is worked out. A motion made by Gary Schmitz and seconded by Richard Klehr to pay the bills, all voting in favor, motion carried:

6/5/07	3255	Kevin Slack	Wages & Mileage	\$901.85
6/5/07	3256	Jean McDermand	Wages & Mileage	\$2,060.17
6/5/07	3257	Gary E. Schmitz	Wages & Mileage	\$1,192.90
6/5/07	3258	Robert Koenig	Wages & Mileage	\$1,491.38
6/5/07	3259	Richard Klehr	Wages	\$769.50
6/5/07	3260	PERA	Wages	\$641.50
6/5/07	3261	SBBP	Wages	\$123.18
6/5/07	3262	Klehr Grading	VOID	\$0.00
6/5/07	3263	BP Rural Fire	1st Half 2007	\$16,863.28
6/5/07	3264	NP Rural Fire	1st Half 2007	\$2,274.60
6/5/07	3265	Scott Co. Treasurer	Sweep Roads - Farmers Bluff	\$483.83
6/5/07	3266	Belle Plaine Herald	Notices	\$135.01
6/5/07	3267	Kevin Slack	Tractor Rent - Diesel Fuel	\$290.00
6/5/07	3268	Emily Koenig	Lawn mowing	\$200.00
6/5/07	3269	Knife River Corp	Gravel	\$27,045.17
6/5/07	3270	Klehr Grading	Patrol	\$3,015.00

Supervisor Koenig noted that the town garage has lost many shingles and will contact the township's insurance representative and possibly obtain bids for a reroof. The clerk was asked to contact Biff to clean the township's port-a-pot.

Motion made by Richard Klehr and seconded by Gary Schmitz to adjourn; all voting in favor, motion carried.

Township Supervisor

Township Clerk