

**South Bend Township
Public Hearing Meeting
January 7, 2014**

The public hearing of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:52 pm on January 7, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

Michelle Burns (Ramy) was present to discuss her approval of the vacation of the north part of Clarion Street.

Dale Anthony was present to discuss the process of how a vacation is done.

Roger made a motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg
Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
January 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 pm on January 7, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Larry Furland and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the December 3, 2013 regular meeting. Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

The Clarion Street vacation public hearing was discussed. Roger expressed that an easement for a waterway is needed. Dennis suggest a minimum of 12' easement. Dennis made a resolution to vacate the north part of Clarion Street with a request to include a 12' easement for a waterway. This vacation will not be complete until an easement is obtained. This will be recorded with the Blue Earth County Land Records. If either of the landowners does not grant the 12' easement the vacation is void. Roll call on the resolution is as follows: Dennis = yes, Larry = yes, Roger = yes, Doug = yes. The resolution carries.

Bryan Wendland was present to discuss the vacant lot at the corner of Olive Street and Sturgis Street. Dennis made a motion to hire Appraisal Services to get the value of the property.

Dale VanThuyne was present to discuss LeSueur Avenue. He would like to install a culvert on __. Dale will meet with Larry to discuss what specs are needed and then can present to the board.

Rob Stone was present to discuss fire department activities for the last month. There were 3 fire calls last month and all were billed. The grant writer did a very good job. Chasse was present to discuss the equipment committee. The department wanted 24 new turnout suites but will may get 20. Will have some extra equipment that are taking out of service. The radios were approved.

Larry has not heard anything about the new pole for the Sturgis Street pump house.

Deb discussed the website.

Requested to have a closed meeting.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Larry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg
Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 pm on February 11, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the January 7, 2013 regular meeting. Roger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Sending post cards to the residents for the election and annual meeting for 2014 was discussed. Jerry made a motion to send the post cards. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Blue Earth County sent a notice regarding scheduling the Open Book Meeting for April 21 – 25, 2014 at 9:00AM. Jerry made a motion to approve the dates of the Open Book Meeting. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Minneopa Golf Course sent their liquor license in for approval. Jerry made a motion to approve the liquor license. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The 2015 budget meeting was discussed. Jerry made a motion to schedule the budget meeting for February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Fernwood Drive was discussed. Beavers have dammed the water and is backed up to the road which will be flooded come spring. Jerry has been in contact with the State Park and DNR to get the beavers removed.

Bryan Wendland was present to discuss the appraisal for the property at the corner of Sturgis / Olive. The appraisal will not be available for a few weeks.

Rob was present to discuss last month's activities. There were 3 calls, which have been billed. DOT inspections are all complete except 5420 which will be retiring. 5415 could use about \$400 worth of service. A new air compressor was discussed for the fire department.

The city of Mankato will hold a meeting tomorrow at 2:00 pm to discuss the renewing of the interconnection of sewer contract. Doug will attend on behalf of the township.

Andrew Lorentz and Aaron Glades from Farrish Johnson Law office were present to discuss Mr. Lorentz's suspension from the Fire Department. He believes that it is an invalid suspension and wishes to have the board overturn the joint committee's decision regarding the suspension. Doug Schaller as Chairman has now closed this portion of the meeting to the general public per statute 13D.05 subdivision 1 paragraph B at 8:30 pm.

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors continued at 10:32 pm.

Dennis made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
March 4, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 pm on March 4, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the February 11, 2014 regular meeting. Roger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Bill Barnick from Mankato Cycle Club was present to discuss renewing his liquor license. Roger made a motion to approve the liquor license. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Bill also discussed a conditional use permit to redesign and improvements on the hill. Roger made a motion to accept the conditional use permit. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Deb will email Mark at Blue Earth County with the Board's decision.

Fernwood Lane was discussed. Jerry suggested speaking with the Train Master and he will get action taken on the road issues.

The water meters were discussed. There are a lot of broken meters and a lot of customers do not read their meters. There was discussion in the past about replacing the meters and upgrading the system to auto-read meters. Larry will get an updated quote for the badger meters and have Dan come in to present to the board at the next meeting.

Sewer extension project was discussed. The board needs to speak with Chuck Klammer regarding his property.

Aaron Glade was present at the last regular board meeting and stated that he was here to represent Andrew Lorentz regarding his 3 month suspension from the fire department. The regular board meeting was closed at this point. The discussion that took place during the closed meeting was a question and answer session of the schedule of events between the officers and joint committees. A motion was made and seconded to hire legal counsel. Legal counsel was contacted and Bob Ruppe has stated that MATIT have hired Joe Bromeland of Wendland, Sellers, Bromeland to defend the township and will pay all costs.

Sturgis Street / Olive Street lot appraisal was discussed. Doug has contact the appraisal company and they are having difficulty appraising the lot. We should know more by the next meeting.

Rob Stone was present to discuss the fire department activities from last month. There were 2 calls last month that were cancelled before they left. Training last month. Received quotes for 80 gallon air compressor. C&S - \$999.00, Ingersoll brand - \$1299.00, Home Depot - \$899.00. We would need to run 220 amp in the fire stall. Jerry made a motion to allow the fire department \$1200 to purchase an air compressor. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Larry Anderson was present to discuss public works activities from last month. Larry to get Gish Electric to quote installing new lighting in the shop and look at pressure washing and painting the walls.

The board reviewed the 2013 final audit reports.

Roger made a motion to move into the Board of audit. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Discussed the budget at the workshop meeting. Roger made a motion to close the Board of audit. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to schedule the Board of Canvass meeting to start immediately after the Annual Meeting. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to adjourn. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Board of Canvass Meeting
March 11, 2014**

The Board of Canvass of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 8:12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Dennis Nusser and Jerry Eken. Also present was Deb Schwichtenberg.

The Clerk announced the election results from the Annual Meeting:

Seat 1: Chad Ruch – 26 votes
June Lonnquist – 4 votes
Ward Lonnquist – 3 votes
Tony Albang – 3 votes
Chad Landwer – 2 votes
Thomas Klinger – 1 vote
Melissa Mathies – 1 vote
Vicki Schreyer – 1 vote
Blank vote – 1 vote

Dennis made a motion to declare Chad Ruch the winner. Doug seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Chad will be updated on the checking accounts as an authorized signer.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg
Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:05 pm on April 8, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Chad Ruch and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the March 4, 2014 regular meeting and the Board of Canvass meeting. Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Dan McGrane was present to discuss new meters / radio modules. \$7800 for training and software. \$180 meter/reader and \$140 for reader. The board discussed and agreed that every resident should get charged the same amount of \$180.00 and have the new meters installed by a licensed plumber that the township will provide. We will have a workshop to discuss this and the water ordinance to be scheduled tonight.

Fernwood Lane was discussed. The township has spent up to \$1,000 on gravel to bring the road up above the water. Jerry suggests that we bill that to the park since it is not our road and we did not create the problem. Doug will try to speak with Gary from the State Park.

Olive St / Sturgis St property appraisal was discussed. Jerry made a motion to put the property up for sale and go out for bids. Chad seconded the motion. Bids should be in by June 1, 2014 to be reviewed on June 8, 2014. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Update from September's road tour was discussed. Jerry suggests getting an estimate of square footage and quotes to review at the next meeting.

Andrew Lorentz case was discussed. A letter was sent to Aaron Glade (Andrew's Attorney) and copied to the board stating that in their opinion the fire department was not in error of the open meeting law.

Rob Stone was present to discuss fire department activity the past month. There were 2 fire calls. 3 firefighters attended fire school which will be reimbursed. 6 firefighters were measured for new gear. The new air compressor was purchased and installed. The new pump mounted radio was installed on the 5410 and the paperwork has been submitted to the DNR for the matching grant.

Reorganizational meeting was called to order by the Clerk. The clerk called for nominations for Chair. Dennis made a motion for Jerry Eken for Chair. Roger made a motion for Doug Schaller for Chair. On a ballot vote, Doug Schaller was named the Chair. The clerk called for nominations for the Vice Chair. Dennis made a motion for Jerry Eken for Vice Chair. Roger made a motion for Dennis for Vice Chair. On a ballot vote, Dennis Nusser was named Vice Chair. The Clerk called for nominations for Relief Association Board member. Dennis made a motion for Chad Ruch and Deb Schwichtenberg to serve on Relief Board. Roger seconded the nominations. All voted in favor and the motion carries.

Larry has requested that he get his check on the first of each month. Jerry made a motion to have Larry's check cut for the 1st of each month. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to hold a workshop meeting for April 15, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
May 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7: pm on May 6, 2014. Board members that were present were Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Chad Ruch and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the April 8, 2014 regular meeting. Roger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Vice Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Sewer extension project was discussed. This topic has been tabled until the next meeting.

New water meters were discussed. Jerry made a motion to purchase the new meters. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Jerry made a motion to hire McGowans to install the meters at a cost of \$49 each. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Water/Sewer rates were discussed. This topic has been tabled until the next meeting.

Water ordinance was discussed. This topic has been tabled until the next meeting.

Past due water/sewer bills were discussed. Jerry made a motion to send a letter to all past 30 days users that if not paid in full, they will be shut off. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Larry is still working with the DNR on Fernwood Lane. Larry is working with Blue Earth County on the property at 306 South Bend Avenue. Larry will have bids for street repairs done for the next meeting.

Deb received the invoice for the new fire truck from Pierce which totaled \$247,321.45. The truck is not done yet so Deb will hold off on paying the invoice.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 pm on June 3, 2014. Board members that were present were Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken and Chad Ruch. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson. Doug Schaller was excused for Military duty.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the May 6, 2014 regular meeting. Chad made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Vice Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Allan Haack was present to discuss splitting his property at 54648 211th Lane. His purpose in splitting the property is for getting a better mortgage rate for smaller parcel of land that the house actually sits on. Chad made a motion that the split is fine as long as there is no future selling of the split part. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Del Goebel was present to discuss vacating a road by his property, the northern section of Division Street and the alleyway at the intersection of Hwy 68 / Hwy 169. They have had many break ins and would like to block off that section of road. The board reviewed and Del will submit a formal petition to the board and a public hearing will be scheduled.

Liz Drake was present to discuss the road by her property on Beaver Avenue. The township already spent money on fixing the eroding road and the last rainfall damaged it and is eroding again. The board will look at the road and discuss what action can be taken.

A few residents were present to discuss the Stillwell property. The property is a danger to the neighborhood and has seen many questionable people loitering around the property. Jerry made a motion to write a letter to the Sheriff's department address our concern. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The clerk will contact the Sheriff and report back next month.

Jerry has contacted Chuck Klammer regarding the sewer extension to Turtle's property. Will report at the next meeting.

The module for the handheld radio software for Quikwater Billing is \$500. Jerry made a motion to purchase the module. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The clerk sent a letter to all water/sewer users explaining that unpaid utility bills over 30 days will be shut off unless they attend a board meeting requesting an extension. Larry has been given a list of shut offs.

Rob Stone was present to discuss fire department activities from last month. No fire calls last month. Rob, Andrew, Corey and Chasse went to Pierce in Florida to inspect the new fire truck. There were a few minor changes, should receive within 2 weeks. Applied for a \$5,000 matching DNR grant for turnout gear and hoses. Rob received a letter from Andrew's attorney for the board to review.

Larry was present to discuss public works. Received a bid from Bergen for crack sealing for the boards review, \$13,385 total project. Chad made a motion to accept the bid. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Hardwood Lane was discussed. The road is in bad condition and should be vacated.

Jerry will look into finding a lawyer to represent the township. Jerry will ask them about Hardwood Lane and Beaver Avenue.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 8, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Jerry made a motion to hold the public hearing. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry questioned one bill for hydrant maintenance time. This should be a part of the fire department's yearly training in the future. Jerry made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Public Hearing Meeting
July 8, 2014**

The public hearing of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:52 pm on July 8, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Dennis Nusser and Chad Ruch. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

Del Goebel was present to petition vacating the northern section of Division Street and of the alley lying between blocks 69, 70, 71 and outlots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; all of Division Street lying West of and adjacent to outlot 10, lying West of and adjacent to Block 69, and lying North of State Hwy 68; all of Minnesota St lying between Blocks 69 & 70 and lying north of the railroad; all of Union Street lying between blocks 70 & 71 and lying north of the railroad; all of Front St lying south of block 69 and south of the south line of block 69 extended east to the east line of lot 3 of block 71 extended south, lying east of State Hwy 69, and lying north of the railroad, all in the original town of South Bend.

No other resident was present to discuss this petition.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. The public hearing was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg
Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
July 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 pm on July 8, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Dennis Nusser and Chad Ruch. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the June 3, 2014 regular meeting. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Vice Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Lyle from Bolton & Menk was present to discuss the sewer extension project to Turtle's property. Jerry Eken and Lyle met with Chuck Klammer to discuss an easement through his property to reach Turtle's property. The board discussed the plans and easements needed. Jerry will contact an attorney to get the easement agreement created and do a Title search on the properties.

Del Goebel was present to discuss the public hearing that was held on July 8, 2014 at 6:52 pm. Roger made a motion to vacate all of the alley lying between blocks 69, 70, 71 and outlots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; all of Division Street lying West of and adjacent to Outlot 10, lying West of and adjacent to Block 69, and lying North of State Hwy 68; all of Minnesota St lying between Blocks 69 & 70 and lying north of the railroad; all of Union Street lying between blocks 70 & 71 and lying north of the railroad; all of Front St lying south of block 69 and south of the south line of block 69 extended east to the east line of lot 3 of block 71 extended south, lying east of state hwy 69, and lying north of the railroad, all in the original town of south bend. Chad Ruch seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Tim Howland was present to discuss his road at the bottom of Red Jacket Ravine that has washed out from the storms. He also has more wash out behind his steel building which the county has requested that he obtain a conditional use permit from the township before work begin. The board discussed and they do not feel a condition use permit is necessary. Chad made a motion to contact Mark from Blue Earth County about the board's decision. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mike McGowan and Donna & Mark Henzel were present to discuss Grant Drive and the water issues. Any road material that has washed out into the ditches is the township responsibility. Water from private property onto other private properties is not the township responsibility. Roger suggest the homeowners contact the owner of the field to see if diverting the drainage is possible. Larry has contacted a contractor to clean out the ditches.

Hardwood drive was discussed. Larry showed pictures of the damage done to the road. It was mentioned that we should look at closing the road.

Jerry discussed concern with the ground water and I&I. We need to get a plan together to look into this in the future.

Rob Stone was present to discuss last month activities. There were 6 fire calls last month. The new truck will be in service next Wednesday. It is in limited service now and offsite currently. There was a request

to fill a swimming pool that is not in the township and are willing to pay \$70 per truck load. The board is concerned that there will be more damage done to the property and do not want to be liable for it.

There was a sinkhole on the Schwichtenberg property again but did not affect the dike this time. MnDOT and the Corp of Engineers were present. A broken pipe was found and temporarily fixed until the river is at a safe level. MnDOT will be coming back to fix the pipe properly and more bad pipe that was discovered.

Retaining a township attorney was discussed. Jerry spoke with a few firms in town and suggested going with Kennedy & Kennedy Law Firm. Roger made a motion to accept Kennedy & Kennedy as the township attorney. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Larry updated the board on roads that were damaged from the storms. Hawkeye is good and open and Garland is still bad but open. Work is continuing on Garland and other roads.

Deb stated that the checks for the utility account are getting low and need to order new ones. The cost would be \$232.45 for 1,000 checks. Dennis made a motion to order the checks. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Chad made a motion to schedule the Public hearing for water meters and rates is scheduled for August 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
August 5, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:16 pm on July 8, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Dennis Nusser and Chad Ruch. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the July 8, 2014 regular meeting. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Dennis made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The public hearing held August 5, 2014 at 6:30 pm regarding water meters was discussed. There were 9 residents present to discuss the meters. Most of the comments were concerning delinquent users. The time frame of installation of the meters was a concern as well. The payment of the meter was also discussed. Jerry made a motion to have South Bend Township pay for everything needed for the conversation out of the O&M account initially and when we raise the water rate in the future we raise the rate accordingly. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Karen Cavet from SEH & Mary Fralish from the City of Mankato were present to discuss the new sewer connection agreement. After meeting with us, they will have all other customer comments and concerns written out and will address them next month.

Dennis Jorgenson was present to discuss Royal Road. He thinks that the culvert is too small. Larry will look at the culvert and the road and report back to the board next month.

Brad Hanson was present to discuss his property at 201 Lyd Boulevard. He is informing the board of his situation with his neighbor blocking drain tile that he installed. He plans to seek legal counsel on this matter and wants the Board to be informed.

Alice Laukkonen was present to discuss the culvert by her property on Neubert Court. The culvert is getting full of gravel and dirt. She tried to clean some of it out but could not get the majority of it. Larry has been in contact with the fire chief to blow out some of the culverts with the fire truck.

Jerry has contacted Kennedy and Kennedy for the Klammer easement for the sewer extension to the Turtle property. Roger made a motion to present the easement to Mr. Klammer. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Fire Chief was present to discuss last month's activities. There was a gas leak and a grass fire. Attended a few parades last month as well. Jerry made a motion to put the 1970 International Tanker up for sale by sealed bid to be received by the end of the day August 29, 2014 to be opened at the next board meeting on September 2, 2014. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to have our attorney Kennedy & Kennedy review the Lorentz case and the enforcement of the fire department on suspensions. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Larry was present to discuss public works. Most of the roads are done or close to done. Hardwood road was discussed. Doug needs to contact Alan Forsberg to see what can be done. The next meeting with the county for storm relief is August 15, 2014 at 9:00 am. Deb and Doug will be attending. Jerry made a motion to do maintenance on the west pump station. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Deb was present to discuss last month's activities. There were 3 election judges who quit and 2 who had prior commitments. Karen at Blue Earth County stated that there is a state wide shortage on judges. Deb had an ad printed for judges and obtained 6 new judges. Dennis made a motion accept the list of election judges. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Need to start scheduling cleanup day. September 13, 2014 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm is scheduled for cleanup day.

The Chairman closed the meeting to discuss personal matters with resident Jerry Debill on his utility bill. After completion of this discussion the board discussed and Dennis made a motion to grant an extension on Jerry's bill. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis discussed his daughter's water/sewer utility bill who is past due for an extension. Jerry made a motion to grant an extension to Amber Volk. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to adjourn. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:04 pm on September 2, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

Roger made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the August 5, 2014 regular meeting. Roger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Roy Shumacher was present to discuss his water bill. He is willing to pay \$75.00 per month to get the account caught up. Dennis made a motion to accept this payment plan. Roger seconded the motion. Jerry discussed the 10% late fee for these accounts and that they will never get caught up. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Brandon Voss was present to discuss his water bill. He was unemployed last year and now has a full time job. He has asked to waive the late fee and pay \$200 per month. The board discussed late fees and other options. Dennis made a motion to accept the \$200 per month payment plan. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

John Mastery was present to discuss the rental property. He have asked for a refund of the late fees that have incurred due to no knowledge of the tenant not paying. The clerk will note in the utility system to contact John after any tenant is over 30 days past due. The refund requested totals \$334.02The board will review the late charges and decide at the next meeting.

Liz Drake was present with her attorney Steven Vatndal to discuss the drainage and erosion issues on her property at 1511 Beaver Avenue. There were two bids that they obtained, one from Thomas Tree Landscape for \$5,811 and one for B&B Tree Moving & Landscaping for \$2,450. The board discussed and it was decided to have the township attorney review this topic. This will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Chuck Klammer was present to discuss the sewer extension to the Turtle property. Associated Finishing now owns the property and the easement needs to be revised to include them.

The township received 1 bid for the Tanker truck that is for sale by sealed bid. Lorentz Construction submitted a bid for \$500.00. Jerry made a motion to reject the bid for being too low. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Jerry made a motion to re-post the ad for the truck in the Free Press, the bulletin board, website, Craigslist, and a fire department publication that the fire chief will look into with a deadline of October 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The floors have not been stripped and resealed in 2 years, Deb will get quotes to have this done again.

The Clarion Street vacation was discussed. Roger made a motion to accept the revised resolution. Dennis seconded the motion. Role call is as follows: Dennis = yes, Roger = yes, Jerry = yes, Doug = yes. Resolution carries.

Sprint closeout agreement was discussed. Larry has stated that the equipment from the tower and building have been removed. Dennis made a motion to accept the agreement. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Charter and Enventis merger agreements were reviewed and discussed. The Charter agreement does not need to be signed by the Township. The Enventis resolution agreement was discussed and Roger made a motion to sign the Enventis resolution agreement. Dennis seconded the motion. Role call is as follows: Dennis = yes, Roger = yes, Jerry = yes, Doug = yes. Resolution carries.

Ponderosa Landfill road (Gooseberry) was discussed. The old right-of-way was not vacated and the new right-of-way was not formally adopted. George Leary would like us to get this process started. We would need to schedule a public hearing. George did not provide the details. This topic is tabled until the next meeting.

Hardwood lane was discussed. The last rain washed out the road again. Dennis made a motion to close the the .30 miles of the road permanently without having a public hearing. Jerry seconded the motion. Dennis, Roger, and Jerry voted in favor. Doug voted against. The motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
October 7, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 pm on October 7, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Chad Ruch and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

Roger made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the emailed minutes as amended from the September 2, 2014 regular meeting. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

John from Associated Finishing was present to discuss the sewer extension project. He is concerned with the single source of water and would like to know if there is a plan to install another well for a backup. Doug explained the past water/sewer extension project and that the project was put on hold and we may have lost our government grant for the project. Jerry stated that the board should look for another grant to install a secondary well.

Lyle from Bolton & Menk was present to discuss the sewer extension project. Lyle provided draft drawings for the board to review. If the project is to proceed, two resolutions need to be passed tonight. The first resolution is to approve preparation of plans. The second resolution is to approve the plans

RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to a resolution adopted by the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors on October 7, 2014, the engineer (Bolton and Menk) has prepared plans and specifications for the a sanitary sewer extension to serve the property owned by Dennis Turtle, Parcel ID R500823127009

WHEREAS, the engineer has presented such plans and specifications to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SOUTH BEND TOWNSHIP, BLUE EARTH COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. Such plans and specifications, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby approved.
2. The city clerk shall prepare and cause to be inserted in the official paper and on QuestCDN an advertisement for bids upon the making of such improvement under such approved plans and specifications. The advertisement shall be published at least ten days in advance of the bid date, shall specify the work to be done, shall state that bids will be received by the township clerk until 10:00 a.m. on

October 28, 2014 at which time they will be publicly opened in the South Bend Township Hall by the township clerk and engineer, will then be tabulated, and will be considered by the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors at the regular board meeting on November 6, 2014. Any bidder whose responsibility is questioned during consideration of the bid will be given an opportunity to address the board on the issue of responsibility at the time the bids are considered. No bids will be considered unless sealed and filed with the clerk and accompanied by a cash deposit, cashier's check, bid bond or certified check payable to the clerk for 5% percent of the amount of such bid.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors, South Bend Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, this the 7th day of October 2014

RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS

WHEREAS, petition requesting a sanitary sewer extension to serve the property owned by Dennis Turtle, Parcel ID R500823127009 was duly presented to the township board on the 7th 2014, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to resolution of the council, a report was been prepared by Bolton & Menk, Inc. with reference to the improvement, and this report was received by the council on December 4, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SOUTH BEND TOWNSHIP, BLUE EARTH COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. The township board finds and determines that said petition was signed by all owners of real property that will benefit from the proposed improvement.
2. Such improvement is hereby ordered as proposed in the council resolution adopted on the 4 December 2012.
3. Bolton & Menk, Inc. is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement. The engineer shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.
4. The South Bend Township Board of Supervisors declares its official intent to reimburse itself for the costs of the improvement from the proceeds of tax exempt bonds.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors, South Bend Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, this the 7th day of October, 2014

Dennis seconded the motion. Role call is as follows: Dennis = yes, Chad = yes, Roger = yes, Jerry = yes, Doug = yes. The resolutions passed with unanimous consent.

Lyle also discussed Hardwood road inspection and their recommendation that the road be closed. Two residents who live on this road were present and do not believe that the road is un-usable and does not need to be closed. Larry, our public works manager stated that every time material is put on the road and graded and it rains, the material washes away. The board has already voted on closing the road at the September meeting. The county required the township to have a resolution which will be signed and filed.

**The permanent closure of the eastern .30 miles of Hardwood Road, South Bend Township,
Blue Earth County, Minnesota**

Dennis Nusser made a motion on October 7, 2014 to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, South Bend Township, by a 3-1 majority vote at its regular monthly meeting on September 2, 2014 approved to have the Blue Earth County Highway Department (BECHD) permanently close the eastern .30 miles of Hardwood Road (locally known as Sandin's Hill), and

WHEREAS, BECHD has requested a signed resolution prior to permanently closing the road, and

WHEREAS, BECHD has requested that the asphalt portion of the east end of Hardwood Lane be left open, and

WHEREAS, an opinion was given by engineers from Bolton & Menk Inc. regarding the degraded condition of the road and the opinion recommends closure of the road for safety reasons, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that that downhill eastern .30 miles of Hardwood Road be closed except the asphalt portion adjoining Highway 66, and be it further

RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be recorded in the office of the Registrar of Titles, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, to record the road is closed for public access purposes.

Jerry Eken seconded the motion. The Chairman called the roll: Dennis Nusser – Yes, Chad Ruch – Yes, Roger Veldhuisen – Yes, Jerry Eken – Yes, Douglas Schaller – Yes. The resolution passed with unanimous consent.

Liz Drake was present with her attorney Steven Vatndal to discuss the drainage and erosion issues on her property at 1511 Beaver Avenue. The board has reviewed the proposals provided by the homeowner. Mike Kennedy, South Bend Township's legal counsel, was present to express his opinion on behalf of the township. Mike suggests that the lower bid be accepted and the township will pay but have a release signed stating that the township will not be responsible after the work is complete. Jerry made a motion to accept the lower bid of \$2450 from B&D contingent upon a release signed with exception to the lay of the road / property. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Troy Kramer was present to discuss re-zoning the union hall property at 816 South Bend Township from Residential to Light Industrial. Parcel #R50081452002, 2003, 2005, 3002. The property is currently for sale and re-zoning it to Light Industrial would help the sale go forward. Jerry would be in total support of the re-zoning but is not sure about the term Light Industrial. Dennis made a motion to re-zone the property to Light Industrial. There was no second made. The board discussed the different zoning and highway business zoning would be more appropriate. Jerry made a motion to recommend rezone the property to Highway Business. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Deb will draft a letter with the townships recommendation to the county and city.

Doug discussed the City of Mankato wastewater agreement meeting last from last month.

John Mastery was present last month requesting a refund on the late fees incurred on one of their rental properties. The board discussed and Dennis made a motion to refund the late fees totaling \$334.02. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Mike Kennedy was present to discuss the late fees for utility bills. He suggests to have a flat late fee instead of a percentage of the bill. The board will discuss and schedule a public hearing to change this fee.

The vacation of 4th street was never finalized at the county due to an error on the resolution. Jerry made a motion to re-sign the resolution. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The November meeting need to be moved due to elections to November 6, 2014. Jerry made the motion to move the meeting to November 6, 2014. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Election judges for the November elections are Deb Schwichtenberg, Diann McGowan, Terry Groth, Wayne Lonnquist and June Lonnquist.

5 sealed bids were received and opened for the Fire truck. The first bid is from W. Lorentz Construction for \$2,500, second bid is from Michael Pongratz for \$1,007.77, third bid is from Paul Seykora for \$1,510, fourth bid is from Ronald Rahm for \$1,195, and the fifth bid is from Karl Bindig for \$1,625. Dennis made a motion to award the bid to Lorentz Construction. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Rob Stone was present to discuss last month's activities. The chairman and the clerk signed the new mutual aid agreement. The fire department was awarded a grant which will be used to purchase 18 sets of gear, new hose, lights, etc.

Larry noticed that a resident had taken gravel from a township road with a road grader onto his driveway. Jerry made a motion to send a letter to the resident warning him to not do it again and charge him \$75 for the material. If he does not pay or does it again, we will charge theft.

Quality Tree service has invoiced us for trimming of a tree that they did not work on. The township had Mankato Landshapes actually do the job and we already paid that invoice. Jerry suggest let it lay and do nothing. If he contacts us about it, he can attend a board meeting to discuss it.

Floor cleaning bids were reviewed. The first quote is from Terry's cleaning service for 295.28 and the second quote is from Pro-Shine for \$493.93. Dennis made a motion to hire Terry's Cleaning Service for the floors. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:02 pm on November 6, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Chad Ruch and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg.

Chad made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The emailed minutes were reviewed from the October 7, 2014 regular meeting. Roger made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Lyle from Bolton & Menk was present to discuss Sewer & Water Program. The EPA Grant is still available to the township. The board discussed and Chad made a motion to have Bolton & Menk refine their extension project to include the I&I and secondary well. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The sewer extension project was discussed. Lyle provided the board with the submitted bids for the project. Holtmeier Construction bid \$53,367.30, Rehnehl Excavating bid \$66,149.29, Heselton Construction bid \$75,980.00, and Kuechle Underground bid \$87,615.00. Jerry made a motion to award the bid to Holtmeier Construction for \$53,367.30. Chad seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID

WHEREAS, pursuant to an advertisement for bids concerning the sanitary sewer extension to serve the property owned by Dennis Turtle, Parcel ID R500823127009, bids were received, opened, and tabulated according to the law, and the following bids were received complying with the advertisement:

Holtmeier Construction bid \$53,367.30
Rehnehl Excavating bid \$66,149.29
Heselton Construction bid \$75,980.00
Kuechle Underground bid \$87,615.00

AND WHEREAS, Holtmeier Construction, Inc. of Mankato, Minnesota is the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SOUTH BEND TOWNSHIP, BLUE EARTH COUNTY, MINNESOTA:

1. The board hereby awards the project to Holtmeier Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$53,367.30.
2. The Chairman and Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Holtmeier Construction, Inc., Mankato, Minnesota in the name of South Bend Township for such improvement according to the plans and specifications approved by the Board and on file in the Office of the Clerk.
3. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to return forthwith to all bidders the deposits made with their bids, except that the deposits of the successful bidder and the next lowest bidder shall be retained until a contract has been signed.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors, South Bend Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, this the 6th day of November 2014

Role call for the awarded bid Resolution: Dennis=yes, Chad=yes, Roger=yes, Jerry=yes, and Doug=yes. The resolutions passed with unanimous consent.

Jerry made a motion to schedule the assessment hearing on February 3, 2014 at 6:30 pm. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Scott Madsen was present to discuss a right of way issue on 211th Lane. He bought his families property next to his own and his planning to move there. He is asking the township to give an easement and right of way of 80 feet on this road. This topic has been tabled until the next meeting.

The clerk received the signed easement for the sewer extension to the Turtle property. Jerry made a motion to sign the easement. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Kennedy & Kennedy provided the settlement agreement and release for the Drake's and the township to sign. Deb will send the agreement to the Drake's.

George Leary had stated in an email that he will not re-zone the Union Hall property. If Troy Kramer contacts the township in the future stating that the county will not allow him to re-zone, the board will take action against the county on this issue.

George Leary emailed regarding vacating the SE quarter of section 29 & the SW quarter of section 28 by the Ponderosa Landfill. County mapping never gave the township official right of way of the new road. We will want the new right of way before we vacate the old right of way.

Rob Stone was present to discuss last month's activities. There were no calls last month. They did assist the city of Mankato to make sure the Mankato Marathon path was safe. The fire department received a FEMA grant of \$50,123 of which \$2,506.00 is the township's share. We will get the following items with this grant: 2,000 ft of hose, 4 nozzles, 4 pike poles, 2 halogen lights, 1 saw, 1 gas meter, 1 ground monitor / deck gun 1 floating strainer, 14 LED flashlights, 18 boots, 16 coats, 18 bunkers, 15 helmets, 9 hoods, and 7 gloves.

Deb was present to discuss last month activities. The 2015 meeting schedule was discussed and set. Deb will post on the bulletin board and the web site. The door handle to the hall is getting worse to open. When trying to unlock, the key almost breaks. Jerry suggested contacting our locksmith and getting the handle changed. Deb will contact Key City locks. The water meters are slowly getting installed, there are 27 done so far. Jerry and Deb both spoke with Mike McGowan on the urgency of getting these installed as soon as possible.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Roger made a motion to adjourn. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk

**South Bend Township
Regular Meeting
December 2, 2014**

The regular meeting of the South Bend Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:01 pm on December 2, 2014. Board members that were present were Doug Schaller, Roger Veldhuisen, Gerald Eken, Chad Ruch and Dennis Nusser. Also present were Deb Schwichtenberg and Larry Anderson.

Roger made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Chad seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The emailed minutes were reviewed from the November 6, 2014 regular meeting. Jerry made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read for information and approval. The Chairman accepted the treasurer's report as read.

Dan and Lyle from Bolton & Menk were present to discuss the sewer extension project. Upon accepting Holtmeier as the contractor last meeting, they have decided to hold off on the project until spring. Dan provided a Special Assessment Waiver Agreement for the board to discuss and have Dennis Turtle sign. Jerry will meet with Dennis Turtle regarding this agreement. Bolton & Menk resubmitted the EPA Grant application last month to keep it open.

George Leary was present to discuss the relocated road by the Ponderosa Landfill. The right of way was never vacated and moved to the new road. Roger made a motion to schedule a public hearing for January 6, 2015 at 6:45 pm. Jerry seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Larry discussed the right of way for Scott Madsen's request on 211th Lane. Larry and Jerry looked at the property and a plan for a cul-de-sac was made. George agreed that it would work.

The drainage issues on the Drake property at 1511 Beaver Avenue was complete and they did sign the release. Doug will sign the agreement to finalize the project.

The city of Mankato sent a packet regarding the sewer connection. Doug will review and report back at the next meeting.

All the pumps from the West pump house were pulled and sent to Nebraska to get upgraded and fixed.

When MnDot repaired the pipe from the sinkhole they installed a storm sewer catch basin by the alley of Landwer & Schwichtenberg's households. This should fix the flooding issues in this area.

We will meet next month regarding the water / sewer rates. New Meter installation is moving very slow. Out of the 137 residences there are only 42 installed so far. Larry will talk with McGowan about getting this done faster.

Rob was present to discuss last month's activities. Had one fire and a train derailment.

Deb was present to discuss last month's activities. The voting booths are starting to fall apart and need to be replaced. Deb would like to start replacing them one or two a year. We have 4 booths currently. Dennis is going to check around to see if there are any booths not being used since most are electronic now.

Chris Cavet was present to discuss the right of way issue on 211th Lane. We will have survey services take care of the survey and right of way items and our attorney will draw up the documents.

Deb had requested the board discuss helping pay for a monthly health insurance premium. The board discussed and it was decided to not provide or aid in health insurance premiums.

Roger made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Dennis seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Doug announced that he will be deploying in February 2015 for 6 months. He has asked a resident, June Lonnquist, to sit in his seat while he is on leave if the board approved it. This will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Dennis made a motion to adjourn. Roger seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deb Schwichtenberg

Deb Schwichtenberg, Clerk